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Judge strikes down Texas sodomy law

Gay and lesbian activists hail the decision, and speculate that it will be upheld by higher courts

By David Morris

AUSTIN, Texas — For the second time in eight years, a court has found this state's sodomy law to be unconstitutional.

District Judge Paul Davis of Austin ruled from the bench Dec. 10, the opening day of hearings in *Morales v. the State of Texas*, that Section 21.06 of the state penal code violates the Texas Constitution's guarantees of privacy, equal protection and due process. Davis will issue a written ruling in January.

Harry Potter, the assistant attorney general who defended the state, argued that states have a right to legislate private morality. He also contended that a change in the law should be made in the legislature, not in the courts. (None of several attempts in the last few years to legislate repeal of 21.06 has survived a legislative committee.)

"I'm extremely elated," said Linda Morales, the plaintiff named in the suit. Four other plaintiffs joined Morales in bringing the

case. "Yesterday [Dec. 10] was Human Rights Day nationally and the courts of Texas certainly affirmed that," said Morales. "Here, too, human rights are for all and Texas is going to be a fair Texas."

The law makes certain specific acts by same-sex couples a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$200. Unlike the previous felony sodomy law, under which a number of Texans were imprisoned, the current law has not apparently led to any convictions in the 17 years it has been on the books.

However, the law has broad symbolic and practical significance in individuals' lives and in the public arena. Most recently, criticism of the sodomy law by successful gubernatorial candidate Ann Richards led to gay-baiting by her opponents, who claimed gay activists had named her an "honorary lesbian." And, last year, the state Department of Health proposed a plan for distribution of

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'Essence' magazine agrees to run gay advertisement

Following pressure from a Black gay and lesbian group, the publication reverses its decision to pull an ad for a gay event

By Chris Nealon

WASHINGTON—A Black lesbian and gay organization won an unexpected victory here recently, obtaining sudden concessions in an advertising dispute with a major Black publication. A mere three hours after the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum (BGLLF) announced Nov. 27 that it was filing a complaint against Essence Publications, Inc. for backing out of an advertising agreement, *Essence* spokespeople told the press—but not BGLLF—that the magazine had reversed its decision. *Essence* contacted BGLLF Dec. 3 to officially reverse its decision.

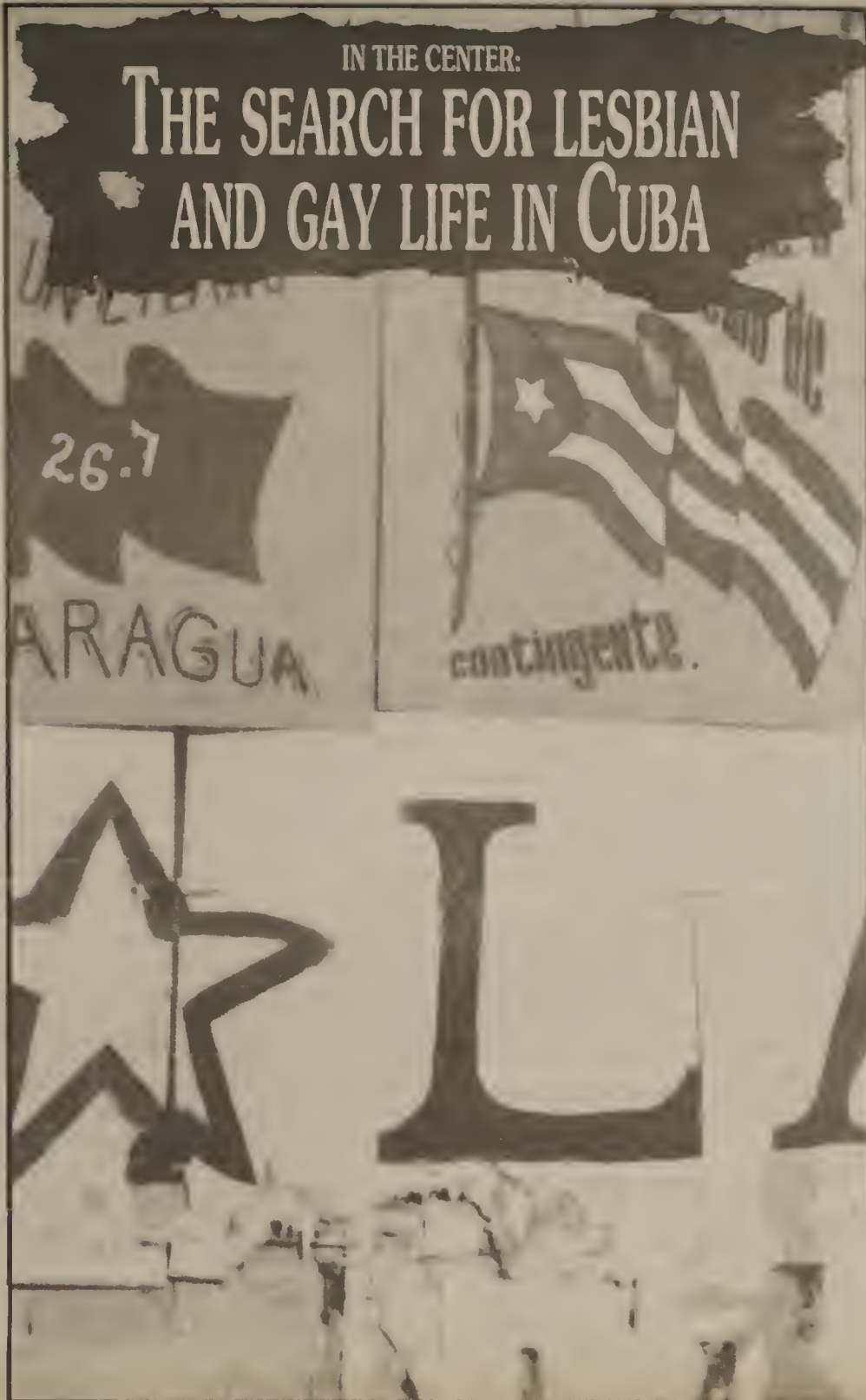
The magazine had agreed in October to run a half-page ad for BGLLF's fourth annual conference, scheduled for February 1991. *Essence* officials cancelled the ad Nov. 6, however, telling BGLLF that they were concerned that conservative readers would respond badly to a lesbian and gay ad. According to BGLLF officials, *Essence* offered no explanation for its reversal. The publishers did tell BGLLF, however, that *Essence* would run the ad in its February issue, shortly before the conference. BGLLF is still in negotiation with the magazine. (*Essence* did not return *GCN*'s phone calls by press time.)

"For us the issues are pretty clear," said BGLLF co-chair Phill Wilson. "Can people arbitrarily discriminate against gay and lesbian people? What are the legal protections — and, more importantly, what are the moral protections [against that]?" Wilson told *GCN* he thought the stakes were particularly high in the dispute between *Essence* and BGLLF, because the argument is between two Black organizations. *Essence* is "an institution created in response to oppression," Wilson remarked, "and they should feel a responsibility to the whole community."

Wilson said that BGLLF's October decision to run the ad in *Essence* reflected an attempt to "expand outreach" to the Black community. "One of the challenges in reaching Black lesbians and gay men," Wilson said, "is that the gay and lesbian press is not necessarily the best vehicle." Accordingly, he said BGLLF "escalated outreach to the Black media" in preparation for its conference.

"It's important for us to be visible in the Afro-American community, and in the gay and lesbian community," Wilson said. He added that the theme of the conference, "Come out, come home," was meant to

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AMA body urges increased HIV testing

The American Medical Association's House of Delegates also endorses mandatory reporting of names of people who test positive for HIV

By Laura Briggs

ORLANDO, Fla.—The House of Delegates of the American Medical Association (AMA) voted Dec. 5 to urge contact tracing and, in some cases, mandatory reporting of names of people who test positive for HIV. The body also considered two resolutions to allow HIV testing of patients without their consent, and referred the resolutions to the Board of Trustees for further study.

All three resolutions will be taken up again at the AMA's general meeting in June.

The resolutions represent a further step in the AMA's campaign to institute increased control measures with respect to AIDS. In June of 1990, the AMA issued a policy document endorsing contact tracing. And in New York State, doctors are currently suing David Axelrod of the state health department to force mandatory name reporting and contact tracing.

The proposals referred to the trustees for study ask the AMA to develop model federal and state legislation to allow unrestricted HIV testing. One resolution would permit testing at the discretion of the doctor "without informed consent" of the patient. The other would give permission to health care providers to undertake pre-operative testing in order to inform themselves about potential risks.

The successful resolution reclassifies AIDS as a sexually-transmitted disease (STD) rather than a communicable disease. The resolution was amended to have it categorized as both communicable and sexually transmitted.

Classification of AIDS as a sexually-transmitted disease, if adopted by state health departments, would place it in the same category as gonorrhea and syphilis. Currently, state health departments are supposed to routinely trace the sexual partners of all people who test positive for any sexually transmitted disease. In many states, health care providers are also

mandated to report the names of people with STDs to the government.

While many AIDS activists believe that state health departments can play a useful role if contact tracing is voluntary, they also see their actions as harmful when tracing is mandatory. "There's a moral and ethical question here," said Pierre Ludington of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, a gay doctors group.

"You should tell unsuspecting partners who you've had unsafe sex with that you are HIV positive, and if the health department can inform people who you might not feel able to, that's an important service," Ludington told *GCN*. However, he added, when contact tracing becomes mandatory, "It's like Big Brother looking over your shoulder."

Early in the epidemic, the AMA argued against mandatory reporting and contact tracing, according to Robert Bray of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Bray believes the shift in the AMA's position is based on a misunderstanding of how the disease is still viewed by many people. "I don't believe there's any less stigmatization or any less hysteria about the disease," Bray told *GCN*, adding, "And hysteria and paranoia are particularly prevalent in the medical establishment."

Bray noted that in recent months a Florida dentist who died of AIDS has been publicly accused of infecting a patient whom he performed a procedure on while wearing gloves and mask. And the HIV status of a Johns Hopkins doctor was disclosed to hundreds of former patients.

Testing doctors, testing patients

The chair of the AMA's AIDS Task Force, M. Roy Schwarz, said that the organization is very concerned about protecting individual privacy with respect to HIV test results. He noted in particular that the AMA is opposed to the testing of doctors. "I do not believe the

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Quote of the week

"I know how it feels to be a woman because I am a woman. And I won't be classified as just a man."

Rock star Pete Townsend, on his bisexuality and experience with "gay sex," in Newsweek.

London leathermen take on police

LONDON — In a striking outburst, patrons of a male leather bar here stormed the local police station Nov. 22 and obtained the release of three customers who had just been arrested. The leathermen also prevented the arrest of a fourth man.

According to the *Philadelphia Gay News*, a confrontation between police officers and bar customers began after the sudden appearance of two officers in the establishment. When patrons at the Coleheme pub began asking the officers what was going on, one of the officers grabbed customer Christopher Colpin and tried to drag him out of the bar. One officer reportedly told Colpin, "You'll do, you're a faggot, you're pissed [drunk]."

"Then suddenly all these people came to help me," Colpin said. "I was so proud." The leathermen blocked the entrances to the pub, trapping the officers inside.

Police reinforcements arrived shortly afterwards, and officers arrested three men. About 25 men followed police to the station, however, and demanded that the three be released. "The police seemed terrified as the station suddenly filled up with people," said one witness.

Officers released the three men without further incident.

—Chris Nealon

PWA receives pot for treatment

WASHINGTON — For only the second time, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has approved a request for marijuana to treat side effects of AIDS. The patient is a gay man who has asked not to be identified in the press. Although the man had received approval for marijuana treatment from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) within two weeks of his June request, the DEA held back approval for five months. (See *GCN*, Nov. 11.) The organization finally authorized the man's request Nov. 19, according to the *Washington Blade*.

"Thanks to the marijuana, I've been able to eat," said the man. He remarked that in alleviating his nausea and lack of appetite, the drug had eliminated "a big source of stress in my life."

The man also said he thought that it was his "dedicated physician" who made it possible for him to obtain the marijuana. "It's not an easy thing to do," he added.

A DEA spokesperson said that the organization had "no plans" to accelerate the marijuana approval process, despite the swiftness with which AIDS-related symptoms can take hold.

The first person to obtain approval for AIDS-related marijuana use, a Texas man whom the press called "Steve," died a few weeks after DEA authorized his request.

—Chris Nealon

Homo debates rage at Nevada University

RENO, Nev. — The campus of the University of Nevada at Reno (UNR) has been rocked with debate about homosexuality this fall. In October, a group calling itself the "Homophobic Student Union" plastered the student center with graphic anti-gay flyers that said, "Get the fuck out of here." And in November, the UNR student government failed to pass an anti-discrimination policy that included sexual orientation, despite an endorsement of a similar measure by the faculty senate.

The anti-gay flyers were "absolutely intimidating" to lesbian and gay students, said Elaine Enarson, a professor of women's studies at UNR. Enarson told *GCN* that the campus of 10,000 is "very conservative," and that lesbian and gay students have not traditionally received much support from the university. She added that after the hate flyers were put up around campus, however, "The president made the strongest statement against homophobia that anyone in the administration has made so far."

"The ignorance here is pervasive," said Dean Pierce, a professor in UNR's School of Social Work. Pierce told *GCN* that he was pleased, however, by the faculty's November vote to implement more policies favorable to

lesbians and gay men. Most important, he added, was the establishment of an ad hoc committee on lesbian and gay concerns, and the inauguration of "a series of task forces" dealing with such issues as sensitivity training for the university's security force, and lesbian and gay affirmative action.

Pierce also said that the Gay and Lesbian Student Union has become more active since the outbreak of hate literature, and held a "speak-out" about homophobia earlier in the semester.

Pierce said he thought that significant anti-homophobia work remained to be done at UNR, remarking that "we need to do away with heterosexism as a principle."

Enarson, meanwhile, said she is helping to organize a campus symposium on racism, sexism, and heterosexism, the second in two years, and the first to emphasize the concerns of lesbian and gay students. "It's even more of an issue this year," she said.

—Chris Nealon

Bishops release sexuality report

WASHINGTON—U.S. Roman Catholic bishops approved a new document on human sexuality that says homosexual acts are "morally wrong," but a gay sexual orientation is not sinful. The statement, released Nov. 14, also reaffirms the Church's anti-birth control position, but urges compassion toward those Catholics who are unwilling to comply with the ban.

The bishops defeated a conservative amendment that defined homosexuality as inherently sinful, saying that the sin lies in the act, not the person. In a footnote, the document says "homosexual orientation, because it is not freely chosen, is not sinful," according to the *Boston Globe*.

"Human Sexuality: A Catholic Perspective for Education and Lifelong Learning," represents the celibate male bishops' response to a pro-sexuality theological movement called creation theology. A compromise between contentious liberal and conservative factions, the document calls sexuality "a dimension of one's restless heart, which continually yearns for interpersonal communion." It approves sex education in Catholic schools for the first time, and also notes that masturbation is a common practice, particularly among adolescents.

The document drew criticism from both liberal and conservative bishops.

—Laura Briggs

Fundamentalists fail to ruin Castro Halloween party

SAN FRANCISCO—Fundamentalists declared war on the annual Halloween party in the Castro, a gay district here. A massive prayer meeting, attended by about 5,000 people, was held Oct. 31 at the Civic Auditorium by Texas televangelist Larry Lea. About 1,000 lesbians and gay men fought back, holding a protest outside the event. Another 300,000 Halloween revelers filled the streets of the Castro for the annual gay event, apparently undeterred by the prayers.

Lea told his followers, "We need to reverse this curse on Halloween night. This is not just kids having fun. There is actual worship of the devil going on," reported the *Gazette*, a Florida gay publication.

According to the *Bay Area Reporter*, fundamentalists trying to enter the "prayer breakthrough" were forced to run a gauntlet of protesters lining the route to the entrance. Protesters jeered, threw eggs, grabbed asses, and screamed at "worshippers." The demonstration was organized by GHOST, Grand Homosexual Outrage at Sickening Televangelists, an offshoot of Queer Nation.

A number of gay men and lesbians who attempted to enter the prayer meeting were barred, sparking protests and threats of legal action, because California law provides fines for stopping anyone from entering a public place because of how he or she looks.

The Pagan New Earth Temple performed a ritual outside the auditorium the day before the fundamentalist extravaganza to seal the building and to prevent Lea's preaching from reaching those outside. The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence also performed an exorcism during the Castro celebration.

—Laura Briggs

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Baltimore activists decry Philip Morris exhibit

The anniversary tour of the Bill of Rights, sponsored by Jesse Helms' largest corporate supporter, is interrupted once again by angry demonstrators

By John Zeh

BALTIMORE—The Philip Morris conglomerate generated more public attention than it may have envisioned when its anniversary tour of the 200-year-old Bill of Rights opened on the Inner Harbor here on Dec. 10.

Members of ACT UP, the Group Against Smoking Pollution (GASP), and others rallied against Philip Morris' high-tech, \$60 million exhibit, calling it a curse on the country's freedoms.

Another alliance of health and consumer groups gave Philip Morris a statue topped by a lemon for the company's "appropriation" of the Bill of Rights. The alliance accused the company of gaining profits through a cancer-causing product, notably Virginia Slims "Superslims."

Philip Morris, said to have been the single largest corporate contributor to the reelection of homophobic Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), denied the charges.

"How can a company wrap itself in the Bill of Rights at the same time it supports a man who wants to dismantle" constitutional underpinnings? asked ACT UP's Michael Petrelis. Philip Morris deserves the "Hall of Shame" award, the D.C. activist said. "I'm glad to see other groups are aware of this hypocrisy."

Philip Morris is currently exhibiting the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, in a 16-month, 50-state tour that opened on Oct. 8 in Barre, Vt. and runs through February, 1992. Activists have held protests at at least two tour stops so far: Barre and West Warwick, R.I. (See *GCN*, Oct. 27.)

Petrelis said he is organizing a protest at the tour's Jan. 13 stop in Raleigh, N.C.,

"Helms's home state desperately needs more activism," he said, commenting on former Charlotte mayor Harvey Gantt's defeat in his bid to unseat Helms in November's election.

GASP activist Regina Carlson charged that Philip Morris "has a history of censoring information about the killing effects of smoking," and asked, "How can anyone who kills people and suppresses free speech champion the Bill of Rights?"

The boycott continues

Two national gay and lesbian lobbies joined ACT UP to bolster support for the national boycott of two Philip Morris products, Miller beer and Marlboro cigarettes. The activists rallied in front of the Philip Morris Political Action Committee here Oct. 24 to expose the company's "cynical" tour. "We urge all fair-minded people to boycott [Philip Morris] products," said Tom Swift of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. He added that gay and lesbian "economic clout" against the hypocrisy of supporting both Helms and civil liberties can best be proved through "direct action against corporate ignorance and opportunism."

"This is about corporate-sponsored gay-bashing," said Robert Bray of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "Philip Morris must be held accountable because it greases the wheels of [Helms's] campaigns of hate. It cannot support freedom of expression, then turn around and fund the censorship senator," said Bray. "It cannot support a Bill of Rights tour, then fund the 'Bill of Wrongs' lawmaker."

"If Philip Morris was truly concerned with AIDS," added Bray, "it would not support individuals who pose the greatest impediment to ending the epidemic." □

Court reinstates gay midshipman's case

The U.S. Court of Appeals reverses a decision by a lower court, allowing Joseph Steffan to continue his suit against the U.S. Naval Academy for anti-gay discrimination



Joseph Steffan

By John Zeh

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Court of Appeals reinstated on Dec. 7 former midshipman Joseph Steffan's civil suit charging the U.S. Naval Academy with anti-gay discrimination. A three-judge panel invalidated U.S. District Court Judge Oliver Gasch's earlier dismissal, and ruled that Steffan should not have been obligated to testify about irrelevant sexual conduct.

In his appeal, Steffan, who was represented by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, invoked Fifth Amendment rights, arguing that Gasch was wrong in expecting him to answer self-incriminating questions about his sex life.

"The record is clear," ruled the Court of Appeals, which said that Steffan "was separated from the Naval Academy based on his admission that he is a homosexual rather than on any evidence of misconduct." The landmark case will now return to the lower

court.

The higher court agreed that behavior could not be raised as an issue in Steffan's challenge to military policy against gay men and lesbians serving in the armed forces.

"This decision proves that we were right all along in resisting the government's attempt to find alternate grounds to support Joe's discharge," said Marc Wolinsky, one of Lambda's lawyers who is working on the case.

Pleased by the decision but chagrined by the lengthy proceeding, Steffan said he now feels confident that the case will proceed on its own merits.

"I am very encouraged and anxious to be finally getting on to the heart of the matter," he said. "What's happened to date has been a series of attempts by the government to stop the case from going to trial. We have not even started talking about what we went to court for."

Steffan, a computer consultant now living in Connecticut, resigned in March of 1987, two months before graduation, after acknowledging to a superior officer that he is gay. He was never accused of homosexual sodomy, which is a violation of Military Code and a felony in Maryland punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Steffan filed suit in federal district court here two years ago, charging the academy and the U.S. Department of Defense with bias for "forcing" him to resign. He seeks his diploma and a Naval commission. Steffan is also demanding that bans on gay men and lesbians in the military be made unconstitutional.

"This is a great day in the gay rights movement's fight against the irrationality of the military's exclusion of gay and lesbian citizens," said Lambda's Sandra Lowe. "At last, the issue at hand, the constitutional issue of whether the military may exclude gay men and lesbians from serving, must now be faced squarely by the courts," she said. □



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Return to St. Patrick's

NEW YORK — Despite legal restrictions on their activities, large numbers of AIDS activists convened outside St. Patrick's Cathedral Dec. 9 to protest what they call interference in health politics by the Catholic Church. In particular, activists accused John Cardinal O'Connor, New York's conservative archbishop, of blocking safe sex education, women's reproductive rights, and the civil rights of lesbians and gay men.

The Catholic Church obtained a restraining order that forbade activists from being disruptive in or around the cathedral; but ACT UP reported that about 2,000 activists attended the demonstration regardless. Protesters conducted a legal picket outside the cathedral and held an impromptu march through downtown Manhattan after the service was over. Several activists who were inside the cathedral walked out when O'Connor began his homily. ACT UP reported four arrests in the post-demonstration march.

The action was called "Stop the Church" after last year's landmark demonstration of the same name. That protest, which took place on Dec. 10, 1989, drew national attention when six activists entered St. Patrick's and shouted down O'Connor. The "St. Patrick's Six" were recently convicted of disrupting a religious service and will be sentenced Jan. 7, 1991.

—Chris Nealon

Gay students fight 'little war' at Mass. school

In response to attacks by right-wing students, lesbian and gay activists form a Queer Nation chapter and fight back

By Laura Briggs

AMHERST, Mass.—Tensions were high between the gay community and an anti-gay faction at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst last week. First, parliamentary maneuvering by right-wing students Dec. 6 resulted in the eradication of the two Lesbian, Bisexual, and Gay Students Association (LBGA) seats on a student legislative body. Gay students then fought back by forming a Queer Nation/UMass chapter, hanging posters and holding a kiss-in at the office of college conservatives. At that point, conservative students retaliated by physically threatening visible gay students; one student reported receiving a death threat.

"It's like a little war out here," said Queer Nation/UMass member Philip Zaia.

The incidents come in the context of increased anti-gay activity at area colleges in recent weeks. At Harvard, the Association Against Learning in the Absence of Religion and Morality (AALARM) is pursuing legal action against Kinko's Copies because a man who identified himself as gay refused to print the anti-gay group's poster. At the University of Massachusetts/Boston, openly gay Professor Charles Shively found "Die you faggot," and "Join the Nazis" scrawled on his office door. In nearby New Hampshire, a Dartmouth College fraternity has been accused of sending anti-gay hate messages through computer mail.

The UMass/Amherst incidents began with a vote to oust the LBGA from the Board of Governors, a student-run organization that administers an \$80,000 budget and allocates space to student groups. Gay students say they were particularly infuriated by the vote because they considered it illegitimate. "We walked out, with two of our allies, to break quorum," said Laura Silver, one of the former LBGA delegates.

According to Silver, the measure was not on the agenda, and there were only 15 students in the room when the vote was taken, one short of the 16 necessary for a quorum. Silver also said that she believed conservatives students had been planning the move since the fall, but waited until the last meeting of the semester, when they knew that few people would attend and that they could stack the meeting.

A group of gay students responded that night by forming Queer Nation/UMass, and hanging posters on campus that read, "Women love other women, Get used to it" and "We're here, we're queer, we're

fabulous, Get used to it. If you don't like it, kiss off," and other, similar slogans. "Everyone was so demoralized," said Silver. "We had to do something that would be a coup for our community."

According to Silver, she was stopped twice by campus police while legally hanging posters. She was read her Miranda rights, and questioned about graffiti in bathrooms. "I viewed it as harassment," she said.

Then, over the weekend, right-wing students responded by hanging posters borrowed from Harvard's AALARM group that read, "Women love men, Men love women, We're used to it. Stop Queer Nation." (Andrew Webb of AALARM told *GCN*, "We send out posters to a lot of people. They're having a lot of trouble with freedom of expression out there, and [UMass/Amherst students] are beginning an AALARM chapter.")

On Dec. 10, Queer Nation took over the office shared by the Young Republicans, the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), and the *Minuteman*, a right-wing campus paper. About 30 Queer Nation members held a kiss-in and demonstration demanding the reinstatement of the Board of Governors seats. Protesters left half an hour later after another student requested that they leave.

One couple wrapped themselves in the office's American flag while kissing enthusiastically, according to participant Jason McDonald. He told *GCN* that the action prompted conservative students to file charges with school officials against McDonald for "sexually desecrating the flag."

According to Chris Macek of the UMass/Amherst Program for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns, YAF members were an appropriate target for gay student action. Macek told *GCN* that, "Basically, it was the YAF crowd that organized the straight pride rally last year" (see *GCN*, May 20), and introduced the resolution to remove the LBGA seats from the Board of Governors.

The following day, an emergency Board of Governors meeting was held, at which gay students who attended were threatened and harassed. Silver, McDonald, and Zaia attended the meeting, which McDonald characterized as "basically set up to harass, badger, and threaten" Silver.

"The atmosphere was absolutely tense," said McDonald. When the three sat down, four other students came and stood behind

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In the majority of California State prisons gays are referred to as: "Swipe Eaters," "Dick Lickers," "Faggots," "AIDS Carriers," and of course, the traditional label, "Punks." Such ugly, ugly words to be branded on one's demeanor. And what does one do to seek relief from all this mental torture? Usually not a damn thing except to deal with it. Every now and then, however, one of us takes action, which happens to lead to violence, such as a fist fight. And suddenly, that particular "punk" is considered a "man" and ultimately respected. He must have won the fist fight to be called a man. Albeit, his name is "Ms. LA LA," but "Ms. LA LA" is not having it anymore. Now "she" is accepted and able to do "her" program. And the beat goes on.

But most of the time, the task is not so mere. "LA LA" is 6-6" and 240 lbs., and the rest of us are a whole lot smaller, shorter, thinner and lack "LA LA's" endurance. Consequently, we are put through it much more severely, till either they lock us up in protective eustody, we give in to their brutal demands, or play smart like I do and flatter them with words and promises while in the process of crossing them. It's an old trick I learned from the "Ol' School Girls." Nothing violent, simply proper cooperation with the administration (SMILE). All of a sudden that slug is off the line. Needless to say, more problems can surface from this, and if they do, then one removes their self from the line. Usually, though, they cease rather than increase.

But then there's always that young one in "her" early twenties who thinks "she" knows everything, sashaying around as if "she" was Faye Dunaway, and all of a sudden, "she's" been done away with. Either beat up, slapped around, or raped. "She" will never be the same. Or will "she" be worse? Hard to tell, it all depends on the depth of "her" integrity.

Then there's the heterosexual, open-mined entourage who loves us dearly and are our best friends. They laugh at our humor and understand our sorrow. For they are rare and unique in prisons. But the vipers always ruin things. They refer to our straight friends as "Closet-Cases," "Undereovers," and "Flip-Floppers." And you assumed just we were the victims. How naive. Perhaps they are questioning their sexuality. Granted, that is their business and no one else's.

And what really gets me they think just because we're gay therefore any man and his

"tool" will do. And almost always, it's some slimy slug with the face of a lizard trying it. And if you reject him, instantly you're every demeaning word in the dictionary. And their so-called homeboys who laugh and mock will be the first ones to get down on their knees and serve you with tremendous enthusiasm. It is astonishing what happens behind closed doors. How dumbfounding people can be. Really. Call me a cab!

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Barely contain myself

Dear *GCN*:

My name is A.D. El-Amin but all my friends call me "Adeena". I am presently incarcerated at the Iowa Men's Reformatory in Anamosa Iowa. I had subscribed to your newspaper but had to discontinue my editions, due to being in a status where newspapers aren't allowed. It is terrible, believe me. I love the paper. I have never seen anything like it and I wish its suceess a thousand times over. I also would like to donate a contribution but due to my present situation, finances isn't one of my favorite subjects. Hopefully that will change soon and I can better assist the *GCN* in a more loyal way. I would like to take advantage of the pen pal serviees listed in the personals. The reason I am interested in the pen pal service is because there are a lot of questions that I desperately need answers to, concerning the homosexual experience. Yes, I am gay. I have been forever, I guess. I am an African-American, twenty one years of age. Gemini, beautiful and lovely. I am searching for a guy who will be able to provide some answers.

1. I don't get much sensation out of anal sex, but I love the thought of it. I really want it to be more satisfying. Is there anything me and/or my boyfriend could do?

2. The Bible says that homosexuality is an abominable sin. I believe in the Bible, but I also believe in my homosexuality. Do you think God will really send people to hell for loving each other?

3. Am I really gay when I sometimes ask myself am I gay? I mean, shouldn't I know?

4. After a sex change, does the vagina you receive feel pleasure and can you have orgasms from it?

5. Upon choosing the less dominant role I like to aet like a woman. It makes me feel like I'm fulfilling my role and what I want to do. Is that normal?

6. How does a person go about telling his mother that he or she is gay?

7. How does an individual establish a relationship when he or she is bi-sexual? (My boyfriend is bi-sexual and I hate it.)

8. I want to continue my education and go into a journalism career. I just don't think any company will accept a male who acts like a female. What can I do about that? (Legally or something.)

9. Is there something on the market called "Stay Soft" or something in its nature? My girlfriends and I haven't mastered body control yet and the nasty thing is always poking its head where it isn't wanted.

10. Can a man legally marry another man yet?

11. Is a person still gay after a sex change or is he a female then?

I hope that someone of the *GCN* readership will be able to help a lady in distress like me. I honestly think I am going insane some of the time. I haven't told my family or a lot of my straight friends that their macho partner is really a woman behind closed doors. It's not like I'm scared, ashamed or anything. I just don't want to hurt them. I mean I took too long in accepting the fact that I am gay and in the process I made a lot of straight friends who trust me, believe in me and like me. To just jump out and say, hey Joe, (my best straight friend) I'm gay and another thing let me taste your wonderful organ—it just doesn't seem like an average night around the Cleaver's table. It's true, though, I think he is extremely gorgeous. I can barely contain myself when we go to the locker rooms.

I'm tired of hiding though. It puts a strain on everything. I want to be the free, loving, compassionate, friendly, beautiful woman that I am and I want to be her at daytime too. How should I let the girl out of the bag?

I would love to chit chat and nick naek all day long darlings, but I know your time is precious and I don't want to take up too much more. Thank you so much for your time. Hopefully I can repay you someday. Take good care of yourselves, I am in hopes of hearing from you soon.

Love,
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Dear *GCN*:

Universal Suffrage has been created to provide assistance to those convicted in the American justice system in the defense of those constitutional rights that are supposed to exist, and in regaining those rights that have been unjustly lost. Its immediate goal is the restoration of the right of convicted felons to vote.

The present system protects the status quo; laws are protected from change, and incumbent elected officials are protected from impeachment and from strong opposition by the permanent elimination of the voices of those who feel strongly enough to challenge those laws. Who is better qualified to consider the proper requirements of a judge, sheriff, district attorney or lawmaker than one who has been subjected to the actions of those offices?

The Holy American Empire has found a very effective countermeasure to the respected tradition of nonviolent civil disobedience, practiced by Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. to echange the world that they knew: that deterrent is the simple strict enforcement of those unpopular laws, and eliminating *forever* the legal voices of those who are found guilty of their disobedience. Not only is this method effective against the power of the vote, but also against the power of the voices of those who would seek to effect changes through the influence of existing authorities, the press and appeals to the public at large; one who cannot vote is one without the potential power of revenge—one who is insignificant to those who hold the active power to change.

This nation made great progress in civil rights, for *all* minorities, during the 1960s. (It didn't make all of the progress that it needed, or that its people needed, but it was moving in the right direction.) Recent years have seen more and more conservative officials elected, more and more conservative officials appointed, and now, blatant *reversals* of previous Supreme Court decisions in favor of the constitutional rights of minorities. These increasingly conservative decisions, and constant attrition of individuals' rights, have directly paralleled the alarming increase of convictions in our courts.

Take a look at the statistics, yourself. You will find that this remarkable increase of disenfranchised felons is almost all among

minorities who had made such wonderful gains in the late 1960s. Do you see a pattern?

This situation has already made serious inroads into our public voices. If allowed to continue, it will eliminate us from consideration by mainstream society altogether—we will be powerless, subject to the whims of every traffic cop and legal bigot who is aware that we don't even have to break a law to be imprisoned...and more and more laws *will* be enacted—as has *already begun*—that require us to cowtow to the personal desires of the tyrannical majority.

Our only hope is to regain the power of our voices. Whether we exercise our votes or not, the *potential* of those votes gives us credence to those in power, and ensures that we will always be a possible force with which to be reckoned. Only a *citizen* can practice civil disobedience; only a *citizen* has a vote; one with no vote, with no voice, is not even a *citizen*!

Join with us! Help us to regain our voices! Stand up to be counted as a member of Universal Suffrage and fight for the right to be heard. We need donated legal assistance for incorporation and protection of our organization's rights, and we need activists to assist in compiling the voting laws of felons in the various states (we understand that no more than seven states now restore felons' votes automatically, but we haven't determined which ones—we're just starting), compiling information for our lobbying efforts and helping to further build our membership.

We have no newsletter. The expense isn't justified for our current direct goal, so we rely upon the assistance of publications such as *Gay Community News* to distribute this message.

Our membership fee of \$10.00 and other donations as may be received are to assist in providing office equipment, printing and mailing expenses. Send yours to Universal Suffrage, Box 35, Alto, Georgia 30510. Let us know if you would like to take an active role by pursuing one of the tasks outlined above, and tell us what you can do. If an answer is expected from us please enclose an SASE (every quarter counts).

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Anti-war efforts building momentum

Some queer peaceniks decry the apathy of their peers

By John Zeh

WASHINGTON—Protests against U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf and the threat of war escalated last week with actions on campuses, rallies at the White House and elsewhere, arrests at the Vietnam Memorial, and the opening of the first toll-free hotline for peace (1-800-955-PEACE).

Hundreds of people—as many as 1500, according to one estimate—marched from Lafayette Park across from the White House to the Vietnam War and Lincoln Memorials. Fifty people who blocked traffic were arrested in the culmination of an afternoon-long protest against President George Bush's handling of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

The White House vigil, rally, march, and civil disobedience were sponsored by the Coalition to Stop U.S. Intervention in the Gulf and the Pledge of Resistance, based at the Washington Peace Center.

On Dec. 7, the forty-ninth anniversary of the attack at Pearl Harbor, college students across the country staged teach-ins and rallies to express their opposition to a U.S. offensive against Iraq.

Some gay and lesbian students expressed fear that their peers may believe war is not an important issue because homosexuals are banned from military service.

"I don't want us in a war," said Eve Faber of Oppression Under Target! (OUT!), D.C.'s premier lesbian and gay direct action group that recruited 15-20 rally participants. "There are a lot of good reasons why gay men and

lesbians want not to fight," she said, citing "problems of the military's discrimination, and gay and lesbian victims of war in Arab countries."

Faber added, "But the bottom line is, we shouldn't go to war."

"I'm frustrated by the lack of people demonstrating against the threat of war," echoed Boston lesbian activist Carrie Wofford. "It's scary to me that more people have not been standing up against war — gay men, lesbians, all people," she said.

Predominant apathy on campus worries Lori Charvat, president of the Lambda Law Society at American University, especially among gay law students at the liberal school. "It's somewhat refreshing that young people on other campuses have a conscience and are taking action," she said.

"Our generation, especially gay and lesbian students 20-25, [doesn't] have a sense of history [or] know how we got where we are," she said.

Of course, some gay students have become active in the anti-war effort. For instance, engineering student Mark Delevie, a licensed pilot high on the military's want list, said he will resist if drafted. Said Delevie, who is also the outgoing president of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance at Montgomery College, "I'll give the recruiter a big kiss because of the Pentagon's discrimination against gay men and lesbians, and because I'm not inclined to fight a war I don't believe in." □

Washington paper celebrates les/gay unions

A mainstream paper in Everett, Washington begins publishing gay and lesbian marriage announcements -- without any pressure from activists

By Chris Nealon

EVERETT, Wash.— A small-town newspaper here made a nationwide splash recently when it decided to publish lesbian and gay "wedding" announcements alongside notices of heterosexual marriages. After two local lesbians submitted an announcement about their union ceremony to the *Everett Herald* on Dec. 2, the paper changed its "Wedding Book" page to reflect a broader variety of celebrations. Activists in nearby Seattle as well as national observers said they were pleased — if a bit startled — by the *Herald's* decision.

"I think it's great," said Ivy Young, director of the domestic partnership project at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). "Especially since the health crisis hit our community, with page after page after page of obituaries, it's good to see celebrations — it's good for people to see that our lives are not consumed by death." Young told *GCN* that she thought the *Herald's* new, inclusive policy was an indication that, slowly, lesbians and gay men are helping to create "a recognition of family diversity. It's way past time."

Although Seattle lesbian and gay activists said they were surprised by the *Herald's* decision, they emphasized that it was a positive development, especially since it required no outside prompting.

"I'm happy to see that at least one newspaper is acknowledging and celebrating our relationships," said Susanna Elkin, a member of the city's commission on lesbian and gay concerns. Elkin told *GCN* that she thought of Everett, which lies about 30 miles north of Seattle, as somewhat conservative.

Matt Nagle, a staff writer for the *Seattle Gay News*, also told *GCN* he was pleased by the *Herald's* new policy, but said that he thought it was "out of character" for an institution in Everett to make such an inclusive gesture. He added said that perhaps because Everett has not traditionally been the site of much lesbian and gay activism, many lesbians and gay men in the Seattle area didn't even realize that the *Herald* had made such an unexpected policy change.

In fact, the attention of Seattle activists was absorbed until recently by electoral struggles that also centered around issues of family diversity. Local lesbians and gay men campaigned vigorously this fall against Question 35, which would have rescinded a year-old system of benefits for city

employees and their domestic partners. The No on 35 drive garnered the support of Black, Asian, and progressive church communities, and steamed to victory with 58 percent of the vote Nov. 6. (See *GCN*, Nov. 11.)

'Asked ourselves why'

Stan Strick, the managing editor at the *Herald*, told *GCN* that although his staff was surprised by the lesbian union announcement, it didn't take long to reach a consensus that the paper should run such notices. "We were a bit taken aback, mostly because we'd never been asked to run something like this," said Strick. "But then we asked ourselves why people want to place things in a newspaper, and we decided that when there's a milestone event in life, part of the celebration is getting some kind of social notice — some kind of public notice."

Strick said he "put together a newsroom committee" that afternoon to reorder the "Wedding Book" page, changing it to a "Celebrations" page that will include such events as adoptions, retirements, and hundred-year birthdays. ("We're still small enough to have a few," he said.)

Strick remarked that he sees the new "Celebrations" pages as a means to "re-evaluate and update our policies to reflect a broader cross-section of our community." In addition to changing the "Weddings" page, Strick said, the *Herald* recently ran a series of stories on local lesbians and gay men in its "Lifestyle" section. The "Lifestyle" coverage, he said, made it easier to change the "Weddings" section immediately, because it provided a kind of quick preparation in lesbian and gay issues for *Herald* readers. "I did not want to just slide [the new announcements section] by our readership and hope they didn't notice," he said.

Strick remarked that the paper's decision had attracted some criticism, but some support as well. "People who have a Bible-oriented set of morals, fundamentalists who interpret the Bible literally, have reacted very strongly against it," he said. "But others have said, 'We're glad you're reflecting diversity, we think it's courageous.' It's attracted more attention than we ever expected."

Strick related a conversation he had with a reporter from a San Francisco lesbian and gay newspaper whom Strick

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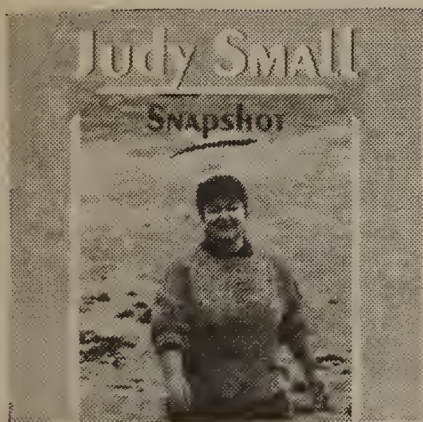
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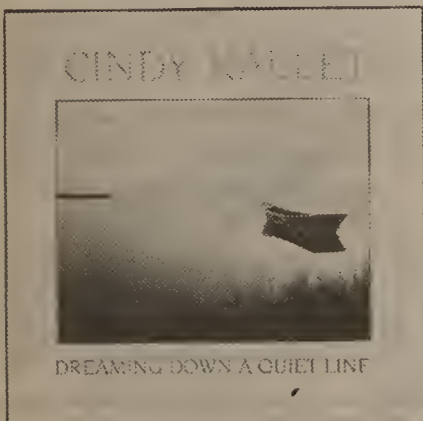
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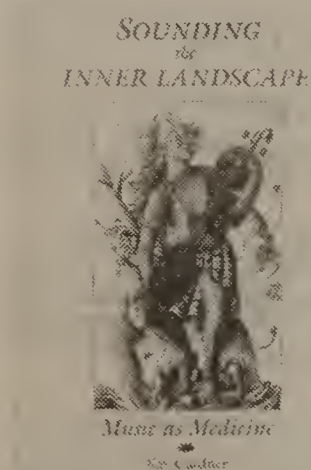
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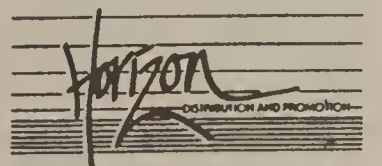
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Prime time AIDS

As the epidemic continues to pop on the occasional television series, this season's trend seems to be PWA mercy killing

Reviewed by Walta Borawski

Since one has always approached any televised depiction of gay and lesbian life with extreme caution, care and the good guess that one would be disappointed or appalled, it is with this same tenuousness that we watch TV shows dealing with AIDS. Two of the recent hour-long 10 p.m. (EST) shows have tackled the subject so far this season, and in both shows PWAs (mercy-) kill other PWAs.

Law & Order, starring Michael Moriarty, and *The Trials of Rosie O'Neill*, starring Sharron Gless, come from liberal TV mills. Both shows were very careful about dissemination of knowledge, and both were fairly accurate (although not everyone will agree with me; two of my friends, one HIV negative and one HIV positive, were infuriated by the *Law & Order* episode). At any rate, both shows worked hard to show that AIDS is hell and that in some cases people who handle their own AIDS or the AIDS of their loved ones may do so in a way that is, like their lifestyles, the way of outlaws. Both shows dwell hard and long on the right of people to terminate suffering.

In *Law & Order* the question was, who pulled the trigger on the gun that took the life of a hunky construction worker? At first it seemed like murder—but as Michael Moriarty's character investigated the case, it seemed odder than murder. It turned out that the chief suspect was a fellow who had helped other PWAs in other parts of the country to die—and then it turned out that the chief suspect was HIV-positive.

On *Law & Order* the jury acquitted the suspect of five of the six charges brought against him, finding him guilty only of reckless endangerment. During the course of the trial the man's working-class father took the stand and said his son had put a gun in the father's hand and asked him to kill him. The son had said to his father that if he really loved him, he would do it. The father had refused—but he didn't deny the request had come. His son had been the sort of person who kept a tab at the neighborhood bar—but one day had gone in and prematurely settled his tab, and from then on paid cash for his drinks. The bartender testified to this quirk in habitual behavior, and the jury—as straight as the Mapplethorpe jury in Cincinnati—was impressed by the details of the deceased's final weeks.

The jury on *The Trials of Rosie O'Neill* went the other way—they found the PWA who had shot his lover guilty. In this episode there was less ambiguity over who had pulled the trigger (in *Law & Order* there was—almost to the end—a question of whether the deceased had pulled the trigger), and less certainty over the desire of the deceased for death. Also, while the Moriarty character's feelings over the PWAs in *Law & Order* were murky and confusing, Rosie O'Neill's (Sharon Gless) involvement with her client was quite clear. She did not feel invulnerable to AIDS, for one thing, and a large part of her (unsuccessful) attempt to have the man cleared of the charge of murder is based on the argument: if we take the virus as a common enemy, can we avoid taking compassion as a common tool in handling the case?

Well, obviously not. But along the way, O'Neill meets a heterosexual woman with AIDS in a doctor's waiting room. The woman acquired the virus from her husband, who did not get it from a homosexual encounter. O'Neill begins to fear that her own estranged husband might have given the virus to her—and she actually goes to confront him but instead meets the woman who is now his lover. O'Neill frankly asks her if he uses a condom with her. The woman is taken aback, assures Rosie that she, the lover, is healthy, and that their mutual man stopped having relations with Rosie when he started them with her, so what is the big deal? "Is that what he told you?" asks Rosie scornfully.

We know that Rosie is going to get tested for HIV, and that she will be negative; Barney Rosenweig and the CBS people want her show to have the potential of a second season, after all. So there is not a great deal of credible tension in this part of the episode, but there is this walking on eggshells feeling; they want very badly to be AIDS-sensitive. A worker at the AIDS clinic where the suspect and his late lover had been tested refuses to tell Rosie who had tested positive'y first. Even after Rosie explains that the prosecutor will try to use such

information against her client, charging revenge as a motive if the deceased man, say, had the virus first, and the defendant had killed him in anger for the passing of HIV, she is still refused access. The clinic worker explains very carefully how much HIV-positive people have to deal with without secrets being disclosed. When Rosie eventually goes to the clinic for herself, a woman assures her, "We used to talk about high-risk groups. Now we talk about high-risk behavior."

Law & Order and *The Trials of Rosie O'Neill* had good intentions. But one has to wonder: why two shows—the first half of one season centering around PWAs mercy-killing PWAs? Are the TV moguls telling us that the infection with the virus makes us capable of anything? Do they see, as they seem to, mercy-killing, in certain instances, viable? Rosie O'Neill's Black male office-sharing co-worker says to Rosie that if it had been "any other disease" the jury would have sympathized with the mercy killing. And yet on *Law & Order* it was *because it was AIDS* that the jury felt helpless and compassionate. Both shows wince at the idea of the indignities of people with AIDS in the final stages of the disease—characters in both episodes discuss blindness, dementia, physical immobility.

But do they have a "Oh well, they're better off dead" message? Why is it that we cannot trust these shows? It's mostly because the scripts do not seem to come from within the gay community; they certainly seem community-checked—the details have been verified. But it is a rare show—the sitcom *Doctor, Doctor*, and the PBS special *Andre's Mother* come to mind—that has gay characters and gay references that seem to come from gay writers.

When *Doctor, Doctor* had an episode last season in which a heterosexual woman doctor refuses to treat a gay male patient who has admitted to being HIV-positive, the humor of the episode as well as its pathos seem to come from within the gay community—or at least from someone simpatico enough to almost pass for gay. Someone like Dr. Stratford, lead character played by Matt Freuer, whose humor is as gay as his gay brother in the series is gay. Of course, the stakes were less high in that sitcom—the man was not ill, was not symptomatic, and the doctor's refusal to treat him was clearly the result of irrationality brought about by her own fears. (The doctor had been briefly married to a bisexual male nurse who had recently informed her by telephone of his own HIV-positive status. She later kisses the patient she had shunned hard on the mouth, after she has regained her clear-headedness about AIDS and its transmission).

On the last season's episode of *thirtysomething* that led to such controversy, Melissa's gay male friend goes to bed after a business meeting with a gay man with whom he is working on an art exhibit catalog. When they're in bed, their post-lovemaking chat is about friends who have died, and their fears about being single gay men during a pandemic. It felt yuppie, but it felt real, and the characters were actually drawn in much the same way as the other characters on the show; if they were less real, it was only because they were not regulars and did not have the find-honed detail brought by familiarity and fine ensemble acting.

The miniseries based on Dominick Dunne's *People Like Us*, like the book, had a major character dying of AIDS, but the depiction seemed to come from the informed outsider. Dunne knew it was okay to have the PWA's lover push his lover out the door with a jocular "AIDS before beauty" because this was actually true to their handling of class difference, and the illness of the (richer, white) lover.

Given the fact that in mainstream Hollywood movies our only exposures to the virus, as it were have been in the not-so-very mainstream *Parting Glances* and *Longtime Companion*, television has actually been more daring. Some viewers have denounced its interest as "Disease of the Week" dismissal—and it is true that TV, in various series of movies, has taken on Down Syndrome, cancer, and several illnesses not frequently dealt with in feature films. But we don't have Eliot killing Nancy on *thirtysomething* because she has ovarian cancer. He does go out to a bar, gets drunk and admits to his friend Michael that he finds

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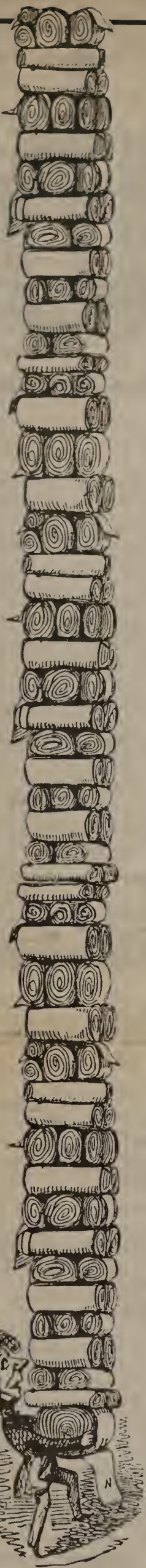


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Marlon Riggs' new video short explores relations between black gay men and the larger African-American community



From Marlon Riggs and Essex Hemphill

Reviewed by Phil Harper

The good news is that Marlon Riggs just keeps on working. The better news is that, with each new production, the black gay film- and videomaker illuminates new facets of contemporary life in the African-American community, paying particular attention to black gay men's conflicted relationship with it.

Riggs seemed to burst onto the gay and lesbian cultural scene in 1989 with the release of his landmark video, *Tongues Untied*, which explores black gay male experience through a montage of poetry performance, dance, documentary footage, and personal meditation (see *GCN* Feb. 25-March 3 and May 6-12, 1990). The power of the work impressed audiences across the United States and abroad, and its success conferred upon Marlon Riggs a celebrity status, at least within the limited context of the gay and lesbian community.

Those of us who have been fortunate enough to see or speak with Riggs in person know that he does full justice to the role of spokesman that has been thrust upon him, bringing to it a full complement of intelligence, integrity and good humor. What many people still do not know is that Riggs was a highly productive videomaker before *Tongues Untied*, working throughout the '80s on a whole range of projects for independent distribution and for broadcast on public television, and earning numerous awards—including an Emmy—for his work.

In its synthesis of different art forms and various techniques of visual narrative, *Tongues Untied* actually represented a departure for Riggs, whose previous work (including a study of racial stereotypes in the early 20th century U.S.) had been in a relatively traditional documentary format. Now, with his new piece, *Affirmations*, Riggs returns to a slightly more linear, slightly more didactic format than was evident in *Tongues Untied*. And yet, in many ways, *Affirmations* continues what *Tongues Untied* began. It is, after all, a further exploration of the experiences of black gay men, and it starts by focusing on one specific experience of one specific black gay man (Reginald T. Jackson, already familiar to viewers of *Tongues Untied* as the Grand Diva of snap), who introduces the piece by describing the sexual experience that was his initiation into gay male life and culture.

From there, the video develops into a more general treatment of black gay men's relations with the larger African-American community once they identify as gay. Built on footage of a recent African-American Freedom Day parade in Harlem, this section of the piece dramatizes the alienation of the black community that many black gay men experience: as onlookers of the Freedom Day procession cheer the various bands and community groups that constitute the majority of the parade, members of New

York City's Gay Men of African Descent suddenly take center stage in the proceedings. The resultant homophobic reactions of crowd members (jcs to the effect that gays are "not part of the African tradition," and that black gays have "got to go") coupled with the equally vehement pro-gay response of the GMAD members adequately demonstrate just how problematic any act of black gay self-affirmation is in the context of a homophobic African-American community.

The difficulties black gay men face are summarized in their own words in the concluding portion of the piece, which consists of video footage of the same Freedom Day parade overlaid with an audio track featuring black gay men speaking of their feelings of alienation from the African-American community. The repeated references to a sense of "self-division" and a need for the "reintegration" of black gay people into the black community (along with the strains of the traditional freedom song that accompany the spoken words) imbue this concluding section of the tape with a poignancy that matches the meditative moments of *Tongues Untied*.

The title of *Affirmations* may be misleading if we think of the word as connoting unabashed support for a people's sense of identity; Riggs's video does not present such a positive picture precisely because it is concerned with depicting realistically the conditions that black men face as we struggle to achieve a position of respect within the Afro-American community. Similarly, Riggs's work doesn't provide answers, but rather raises questions. It is by raising these questions—difficult, discomfiting, and painful questions—that Riggs assures us that we are not alone in our sense of self-division, and thus provides us with an ultimate affirmation even in the midst of our struggle. □

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Going to Cuba

Going to Cuba has been a dream of mine for years. I grew up listening to Cuban music and hearing stories about the Cuban Revolution. As I grew older, I was drawn to something so radically different only 90 miles off the coast of Florida. Almost ten years ago I planned a trip to Cuba, but then Reagan re-established the travel ban and my trip was cancelled. Having been involved in anti-intervention and solidarity activism for many years, I had the opportunity to travel to Nicaragua in 1985. Last year with the devastating defeat of the Sandinistas in the Nicaraguan elections and with the upheaval throughout the "Socialist" world, I knew I had to go to Cuba. I wanted to go, in part, because I was afraid if I waited longer Revolutionary Cuba might not exist and I also wanted to see for myself what Cuba was like. I needed to find out whether or not the Cuban Revolution was something I could look toward for hope.

As an out lesbian I had fears and uncertainties about going to Cuba. I knew I wanted to meet and talk with Cuban gay men and lesbians. As North American gay and lesbian people, we often presume we know the course lesbian and gay liberation should take throughout the world. For years I've heard stories of gay and lesbian persecution in Cuba. I wanted to find out how much of what I heard was true and what had changed. With all this in mind I decided to go on July 25 during the five days of the Carnival. I arrived in Havana with my four-year-old son on the eve of the celebration commemorating the 31st anniversary of the Revolution.

My first days in Havana were spent easing out of culture shock and wandering about the city. Having been to other "Third World" countries and coming from the heart of San Francisco's Mission District (where it is common to see people digging through garbage for something to eat and others wrapped in layers of clothes asleep on a stoop), I was very moved by how well the people in Cuba live. Unlike the majority of countries in the world, including the U.S., everyone in Cuba has the right to a home, employment, and adequate food. Education and health care are free at all levels and of high quality. Women are guaranteed maternity leave at full pay for 18 weeks. Abortion is legal and free, as is birth control. Women and men receive equal pay. Childcare is widely available and the cost is based on income. Elderly people receive free in-home care with cooked meals, house

cleaning and medical care. During my five-week stay I saw only one homeless person, and he told me he had been thrown out because he drank too much. Several times I was approached by young men who wanted me to change dollars for pesos so they could buy hard-to-come-by commodities in the dollar stores that are part of the tourist industry designed to earn Cuba much-needed dollars.

My first week in Havana I wondered if I would ever find gay men and lesbians! I got several false leads from foreigners before I decided the only way I would find out anything was by being blatant with the Cubans. I began to initiate discussions with just about anyone—people on the bus, men who approached me on the street, and the people who worked at the hotel where I stayed. I regret it took me so long to come out at the hotel because news spread fast and suddenly all the women working there were smiling and going out of their way to be friendly and I realized most of them were dykes!

Alfredo, a young Cuban tour guide, was one of the first people I talked to at length about Cuban gay and lesbian people. He was straight and an impassioned and critical supporter of the Revolution. He told me that Cuba being, as he put it, a "macho" society makes it hard for gay people to be out, but among artists and musicians it was more open and no one made a big deal of it. We

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talked about the campaign in the mid-'60s to "rehabilitate" pimps, drug dealers, prostitutes and homosexuals. Homosexuality was often associated with prostitution because the most visible gays were prostitutes. Prostitution was seen as a product of capitalism so homosexuality was also seen in this context. During these years camps were set up specifically for the "rehabilitation" of these groups of people. This practice ended in the late '60s. The "rehabilitation camps" have often been referred to in arguments against supporting the Cuban Revolution as though they were



Poster at Salvadoran camp

an ongoing phenomena. The film *Improper Conduct* portrayed the "rehabilitation camps" as an on-going reality and the film stirred up a lot of negative feelings in our community

U.S. and people in Cuba. They spontaneously started discussing who of their classmates were gay. We had a lively discussion about changed attitudes. They told me of several of the gay hang-outs in Santiago de Cuba. They were comfortable and open and like many others expressed that they thought everyone should be who they are without any problems. Though they all felt strongly supportive of the socialist process in Cuba, they were critical of the Communist Party stance that still bars openly gay members from its ranks.

Earlier that week I had spent the day with one of the leaders of the Cuban Communist Party in Santiago. He told me the Party position is that homosexuals are not stable enough and therefore are incapable of maintaining firm politics and motivation. We had a long discussion in which I argued that in the U.S. some of the strongest support and identification with revolutionary movements have come from the gay community. He told me that most of the gay people he knew were either apolitical or anti-revolutionary. We talked about the mistakes made early in the Revolution that may have contributed to this phenomenon, as well as the mistake of barring gay people from the Party. Not surprisingly, I did meet several gay men and lesbians within the Party. I learned that the exclusion of lesbian and gay people is being put forth as an important issue for the Communist Party Congress in January.

My connection to gay men and lesbians in Cuba came about through the help of a straight man, Rafael, whom I'd met in old Havana. A day after I told him of my search, he came to me with names of three tea houses known to be gay/lesbian hang-outs. We went together and found a mix of gay and straight people. When we moved on to the next tea house we ran into a man and woman we had seen earlier. We asked them to join us and after a few minutes I asked the woman, Esperanza, "¿Eres lesbiana?" She looked directly at me without a moment's hesitation and answered yes. From there we talked about many things. She was 19 years old and had come out at age 15 when she fell in love with her professor. She lives at home with her mother who knows she is a lesbian. Though it was initially hard for her, her mother finally told Esperanza that she wants her to be happy and if being a lesbian makes her happy, well then okay.

Esperanza's relationship with her professor lasted three years, ending because the professor was unwilling to give up her heterosexual lifestyle and could not withstand



A world history class at a rehabilitation center for people with disabilities

An out lesbian travels 90 miles off the coast of Florida where she meets and learns about other lesbians and gay men

family pressure about Esperanza. Esperanza is a law student at the University of Havana. She is the head of her union at her workplace and a leader in the Communist Youth. When I asked what it was like for her to be in the Communist Youth and not be out, she told me, "If I came out I would risk having to leave the Party and that for me would be like cutting my heart out." She was outraged that openly gay people could not join the Party, but she would never exchange her reality for another even if it were easier to be gay in some other places. She had heard about San Francisco, in particular, but knew the other social issues of homelessness, employment and health care were of equal importance to her.

Esperanza told me she never deceived friends about her sexuality and that though some in the Communist Youth knew she was a lesbian, she was not willing to risk her membership by bringing it up as a struggle. She believed change would come through the gradual mass awareness and education that are both beginning to happen. I told her that many gay and lesbian people in the U.S. withheld solidarity from Cuba due to the controversy of the gay and lesbian rights issue in Cuba. She was very upset that people would withhold support for this reason. Though she agreed it was right to be critical, she argued that we could not separate this issue from the fact that if someone gets sick in Cuba, she does not have to worry. Her full wages will be paid and the best health care will be available to her for as long as necessary.

Esperanza also pointed out that she, a woman from a working-class family, was able to study law because of free education. She asked me, "How can you decide not to support our Revolution when it has worked so hard to end racism and sexual inequality and when it has given us such a sense of pride and self respect?" I agreed that the ability to overlook these things had to be the



Children in Havana



Street scene in Havana

result of a more privileged class perspective. She told me, as other gay Cubans had, that in Cuba the issue is no longer one of persecution, but of prejudice. One gay man pointed out to me that unlike the U.S., where over 20 states have laws against gay sex and anti-gay immigration laws still exist, the anti-gay laws have been taken off the books in Cuba. Although anti-gay incidents occur they are not carried out on an institutional level.

One story I heard was about two teachers who were threatened with being fired from the university. Fidel Castro got wind of the situation and personally told the institution, "Wait a minute, you cannot fire someone for these reasons. They are good teachers and they are doing their job well." I also heard that recently a lesbian couple won a custody

battle over one of the women's children.

On a national level, what initially began as a workshop has developed into "The National Center for Sex Education." This center is a government-funded program that educates people on sexual issues. The program teaches doctors, mental health professionals, mass organizations and schools. Countering homophobia is one of its stated goals. Although it has not yet reached a level of mass participation, much work has

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been done to inform doctors and psychiatrists that homosexuality is a healthy expression of love and sexuality and can be as fulfilling as heterosexuality. The center also does work to help people enjoy sexuality, become aware of their bodies, birth control, teen pregnancy, equality between men and women, and safe sex.

The Federation of Cuban Women (FCW), in which 80 percent of adult women participate, has also done education on gay issues in recent years. They use material from East Germany which, as its premise, states that being gay is normal and healthy and that gay people have stable fulfilling relationships. It also affirms that persecution

or oppression of people based on their sexuality is completely unacceptable. The FMC, as well as the other mass revolutionary organizations, have never had a policy of barring gay people. These organizations involve the majority of the population, whereas only two percent of the population makes up the Communist Party.

I left Cuba feeling a lot of hope for what I saw, heard and experienced. Others doubtless may have a less positive experience of being out in Cuba and I certainly would not presume to speak for Cuban lesbians and gay people. I speak only of my experience and what I was told by gay, lesbian and straight people in Cuba. When I returned to the U.S. I was met with questions and statements such as: "I would never go to Cuba. They hate gay people there," and "Weren't you scared? I heard they kill gay people in Cuba." I realized what distortions and misinformation exist in our community about Cuba. While it is true that right-wing death squads killed hundreds of us in Colombia, such a thing has never happened in Cuba. I can honestly say that I felt more fear as a woman and lesbian walking in my home town of Louisville, Ky., than I did in Cuba. This is not to say that Cuba is not a heterosexist, homophobic society. It is—as is the rest of the world. The Cuban Revolution has made some serious mistakes concerning gay people, but the Revolution did not create homophobia and it does not promote it. On the contrary, there is visible and deliberate progress being made.

When I was 21, I wrote a story for English class. It was a fantasy projection into the year 2000. I wrote that I was attending the first International Gay and Lesbian Conference held in Havana, Cuba. At that time this fantasy seemed completely out of reach. Now, with the rate of change in the world, who knows?! □

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SEEKS ROMANTIC, WELL-BUILT GWM. I'm an easygoing, sensitive GWM, 26, 5'10", 150, brown hair, hazel eyes, healthy (HIV neg), affectionate, warm and caring. I like dancing, cooking and quiet times. You're 21-35, attractive, top, romantic and enjoy life's finer things. Call for intimate meeting and possible relationship. Honest inquires only. EXT 7107.

WANTED: OVERWEIGHT (but solid) hairy, very straight-acting, GWM, 28-42, who'd enjoy lots of attention from this 38-year-old (6 ft, 175 lbs), balding GWM in good shape. I like safe times, movies, wine, the beach and staying at home. EXT 7112.

GWM, 23, goodlooking and cleancut, seeking attractive guy under 34 who's "sweet and gentle" to become friends with in Watertown area. Only drug-free, bright, sincere guy who is real need contact me. Thanks! EXT 7108.

JUST GOOD TIMES wanted by this good-looking, mustached bottom (32, 6'1", 160 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes). You're a hung, good-looking top, 22-40, into bondage, SM, hot wax, WS and are always horny. Masculine jock a plus. I'll submit to your will. EXT 7102.

SINCERE, GOOD-LOOKING GWM, 23, 5'9", 145 lbs, brown hair and blue eyes. Seeking straight appearing guy (18-30) from southern NH or northern MA for friendship and, if the vibes are right, definitely more. Let's make some exciting memories. EXT 7122.

ATTRACTIVE STUDENT. Hard-working, GWM, 24, 5'9", 150 lbs, brown/brown, masculine, in shape but not hung, enjoys tennis, running, working out, reading. Seeking attractive student or young professional in Conn region, 20-30, any race. EXT 7113.

SEXY NUDE! Masculine male, 32, 6'1", 170, tall, slender, toned, exhibitionist, blue eyes. Desires fantasy modeling, role playing, J/O shows, doctor, etc. Seeking imaginative, bright, passive. EXT 7116.

NICE LOOKING, 5'5", 150 lbs, 36, light skin. Seeks a kinda fat guy, any age, cleanshaven, your place and no drugs. Safe times a must. I'm loads of fun, especially hot fun. EXT 7123.

BEAR SOUGHT by masculine white male, 30, 5'8", 165 lbs, for weekly safe encounter. I'm in a long-term relationship and seek outside fun. You: tall, masculine, over 200 lbs, discreet, moustache. EXT 7114.

HOT & HORNY BLOND, 23, 5'10", 155 lbs, great body and very good looking. Seeking dominant guy for hot times, maybe more. Into almost anything. Only good looking need respond. EXT 7121.

WHOLE LOTTA FUN! GWM, 35, 5'10", 300 lbs. Seeking a young GWM not turned off by weight. Enjoy music, sports, movies, etc. Not looking for a long-term relationship. EXT 7127.

ATTRACTIVE GWM (27) in good shape, bright, honest, easygoing, stable. I enjoy the outdoors, quiet evenings by the fireplace and movies. A nonsmoking West Coast (Oregon) native. Seek similar handsome, physically fit man of high moral standards for long-term monogamy. EXT 7115.

GAY WHITE MALE: weightlifter, very masculine, South Shore area. Irish-Italian, 40, 5'11", 205 lbs, black/brown, nonsmoker. Seeking similar who's into safe good times. EXT 7103.

GWM, 34, 6'2", 198 lbs, seeks a guy with his act together who likes working out, a good sense of humor and is willing to get to know another guy through touching, hugging, kissing and good body contact. EXT 7126.

WINTER NIGHTS! GWM, 32, 5'7", 148, clean cut, good looking, sincere, looking for a "regular kinda guy" (clean cut with good shape and looks), 26-30. Initially as a friend and who knows. It needn't be a cold winter! EXT 7117.

HUNGRY BOTTOM wants top man, in shape, hung, ready to fill me with fun. I'm 31, 5'10", 160 lbs, masculine and ready. EXT 7118.

HANDSOME GBM, 29, 6'2", 215 lbs, handsome (with receding hairline), muscular, not always masculine. Looks for the good feelings a relationship can bring. Like good talk, movies, dancing. You: 21-45 and looking for the same. EXT 7104.

GBM seeks straight-acting SBM/GBM for friendship and possible relationship. Must be discreet. EXT 7101.

SEXY, AFFECTIONATE, GWM, seeks pretty young men for dating, romance, and safe sex for your great buns. You must be cute, lovable, positive attitude. Give it a shot. EXT 7119.

DOWNTOWN GUY, 36, 5'10", 150 lbs, works out. Clean cut, cleanshaven. Seeking local with relationship on his mind. I like sports, theatre, arts, nightlife. No smoke or drugs. EXT 7105.

LATIN LOVER WANTED by GWM, 24, 5'11", 176, blond/blue eyed. Seeks monogamy with guy 25-30 with sense of humor and honesty. Teach me your language. EXT 7106.

STRAIGHTACTING, GWM (29, 5'10", 155 lbs), handsome, Italian, cleanshaven. Seeks similar male, 18-33, who enjoys music, travel, hot times and monogamy. Cleanshaven, boyish, nonsmoker a plus. EXT 7124.

GOOD-LOOKING BIWM, 41, 5'6", 148. Seeks slim top in New Bedford area for occasional hot encounters. EXT 7111.

PROVIDENCE- NEW BEDFORD Never Thought I'd write ad. Tired of checking someone out at bars pretending not to be interested. Missed opportunity? GWM, (30, 5'10", 160 lbs), top, good looking. You: attractive, decent body, 21-35, honest. Dating? Want more? EXT 7120.

U CARE? I CARE - GWM, 30, physically fit, spontaneous, communicative, honest, with broad interests. I am professional with high aspirations and goals. Seeking an emotionally giving, professional, physically fit, no drugs or smoking, with an open mind and heart. EXT 7130.

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HORNY WITH SOLID BODY. Italian GWM, 44, 58, 220 lbs, wants a hot top, 35-45, into love, passion and romance. I love to dance and make romance. Cut a plus. EXT 7037.

GAM, 22, 5'5", 140 lbs. I am straight acting and like travel, movies, hiking. Looking for white male, 22-32, who is fun, confident, independent. EXT 7056.

SEXY, AFFECTIONATE older brother. GWM, bearded, 36, solid, mainly top, seeking affectionate, attractive, masculine younger brother/buddy for playful safe times. Talk, touch, hold, make love. Fantasies welcome (let me know). No commitment required, just honesty. EXT 7045.

BODYBUILDER, 5'10", 195 lbs, 43, seeks other muscle stud. Prefer over 35, over 6' and over 200 lbs. EXT 7006.

UNINHIBITED, EXHIBITIONISTIC top sought by artist for photography project. EXT 7002.

GBM DESIRED FOR THE ART OF mutual romance, sensitivity, humor, passion, fun, affection and respect. Me: GWM, 5'6", blond/blue, 145 lbs, Manhattan professional, very attractive. EXT 7004.

SINCERE. WM, 35, 6'1", 185 lbs, handsome, masculine, works out. Career-oriented business professional but hot and creative. Humorous, probing and supportive. Seeks similar, very tall guy for explosive action, caring friendship and/or long-term relationship. Call EXT 7038.

WHAT'S YOUR FANTASY? GWM, 45, wants to help you play out your wildest and most secret fantasies. We all have them. Stop keeping them to yourself. Now's the time to play them out and have a good time. EXT 7050.

HUNGRY BOTTOM wants Top Man in shape, athletic and/or muscular (bodybuilder) to fill me with fun. Me: 25, 5'8", 155 lbs, athletic, attractive, nice build. For fun, friendship and/or relationship. EXT 7051.

GOOD-LOOKIN' ITAL-AMER, 38, almost 5'11", 180 lbs, HTLV neg, honest, caring and bright. Seeking tall, devoted, straight-looking and acting, blue-eyed guy interested in building a relationship based on trust, spiritual love and monogamy. Care about tomorrow today. EXT 7034.

HOT, HUNG TOP WANTED by WM, 45, 6', 175 lbs, hairy. Pump my tight hole so long and hard that I can't walk or sit when you're done. EXT 7011.

INCREDIBLE THROAT. Hot, worked-out body and a creative mind possessed by this hunky, handsome, married guy, 45, 170 lbs, bearded. Wants to please well-built guy with thick 8"+. Any race. Your NYC place. EXT 7033.

ATTRACTIVE GWM (Queens resident), 40, 5'11", 165 lbs. Masculine, sensitive, affectionate, passionate, romantic. Healthy. No bars. Looking for young guy (to age 40) for close friend, sensible intimacy. Potentially permanent, monogamous relationship. No workaholics, phones, bisexuals. EXT 7032.

HANDSOME STUDENT. GWM, 20, 5'10", 150 lbs, black/brown, into singing, travel, theater, WDRE. Seeks similar (18-25) for friendship, more with right guy. Honesty, laughter, caring. No drugs, smoke or fraudulent attitudes. EXT 7048.

TALL, VERY ATTRACTIVE GBM, 26, muscular (solid) build. Into safe times and J/O specials with guys with big round protruding belly only. No grossly overweights. Tall a plus, but necessary. Any race. EXT 7003.

INTO HOT ACTION, muscle, sweat, feet, leather with other in-shape hot guy or group. Me: GWM bodybuilder, 33, moustache. Call. EXT 7041.

F/F BOTTOM WANTED. I'm your hot F/F top. If you're a hot, sexy, horny white F/F bottom, let me put on a rubber glove and make you squirm. EXT 7008.

LONG-LEGGED, sensual bottom, 6', 175 lbs, blue eyes, handsome, sexy, 38, manly. Likes to wear tight panties, spandex, leather, lingerie. Seeks trim, romantic top as "husband" (Oriental a plus). Sincere only! EXT 7052.

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GOOD - LOOKING ARTIST...GWM...young 49, 5'11", 175 lbs, dark hair and eyes, moustache...Interested in meeting a top man to share good, safe times. Condoms only...Race unimportant. Age 30-50. I'm HIV neg. EXT 7013.

CUTE GOM, 30, 5'11" and slim. Seeking attractive GWM couple (20-40 years) for possible three-way action get-togethers and friendship. EXT 7036.

LOVE & DISCIPLINE. Strict, handsome GWM seeks relationship with charming, affectionate guy who needs to be spanked! EXT 7015.

50-YEAR-OLD TODDLER needs to be watered down and fed by experienced Dad. Me: good looking, good chest, quiet, shy. You: 30+. Looks and race unimportant. Good head trip necessary. Smoke, aroma a plus: EXT 7054.

GWM, a member of HCM, seeks other GWM members of HCM for friendship. EXT 7057.

INTERRACIAL GJM, 41, 5'10", 155 lbs, brown hair, sparkling blue eyes—cute and lovable. Desires very masculine, nonsmoking top black man mature and sensitive for cool nights with soulful music and memorable days. EXT 7005.

SUPERHUNG (honest!) attractive GWM, 36, seeks guy for BIG J/O. Looks and build not as important as size and attitude. EXT 7055.

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A TRUE ROMANTIC. GWF, 34, with a gentle heart and eager spirit. Intelligence and humor are important along with openness and sincerity. EXT 7201.

TIRED OF THE BAR SCENE? GWF, 31, caring and fun-loving. Seeking friend and relationship. Just want to be happy? If so let's get together. Please be 30-40. EXT 7202.

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GWF, 24, social worker, enjoys long meaningful conversations, music, poetry and walks in the Village. Seeks honest, intelligent and caring GF, 20s-40s, for friendship and whatever may develop. No substance abusers. EXT 7065.

BiBF seeks BiF or willing GF to share laughter and warm moments. I am 25, feminine, attractive and a shapely, full-bodied, mature woman. If you are open-minded and real, give it a try. EXT 7072.

GBF (5'7", 28). Ivy League graduate student. Intelligent, romantic, unassuming. Great personality. Seeks same in curvaceous GF (30ish) not into lesbian banner-waving scene, but must enjoy budget activities (museums, parks). EXT 7063.

GWF, 46, doctor, Nobel Prize candidate. Beautiful blonde, feminine, gorgeous body. Enjoy travel, swimming, dancing, laughing, loving. I'm creative, sensitive, fun-loving. Stable and healthy. I hope you are! EXT 7062.

PROFESSIONAL WOMAN, 28 years old, seeks G/BiWF for friendship and possible intimacy. No men, couples or unemployed. I'm 5'6", 128 lbs and dark haired. Love reading, film and making out. I also love spending quiet time together. EXT 7071.

SPARKLING GWF, cunning, petite, blue-eyed Brunette. College sophomore (19). Looking for an intelligent woman 20-40 for a friendship--hopefully more. EXT 7061.

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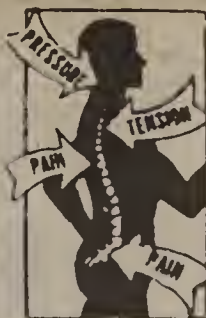
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Essence

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indicate to Black lesbians and gay men that they can participate in both communities—that in coming out of the closet, they are not necessarily forsaking the Black community for a white lesbian and gay community. The ad to be run in *Essence* makes use of the "Come out, come home" theme.

Furthermore, Wilson said, "We're specifically targeting non-gay Afro-Americans, and non-Afro-American gay men and lesbians" in the spirit of "encouraging inclusiveness." He said that BGLLF hoped a lesbian and gay ad in a non-gay publication like *Essence* might increase Black heterosexual peoples' awareness of the lesbians and gay men among them. In the same way, Wilson said, continued exposure in the largely white gay press might serve as a reminder of the diversity of lesbian and gay communities.

Happily, Wilson concluded, the fracas over advertising in *Essence* has created greater visibility for BGLLF. In particular, he said, "Black publications around the country have been very positive—we've gotten a number of calls from publications that say they would run the ad."

Taking Essence 'to the mat'

Al Cunningham told *GCN* he thought *Essence's* waffling over whether or not to run the gay ad was an indication of the connection between homophobia and "racism's effect on people of color." Cunningham, who is a staff member of Black and White Men Together (BWMT) National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, said that Black publications like *Essence* often take culturally conservative business positions because they already feel closely scrutinized on the basis of race, and come to view issues like homosexuality as too risky to address.

Cunningham disputed that advertisers in *Essence* would make a fuss over a lesbian/gay ad, however. "Those [advertising] contracts are signed so far in advance, I doubt they even care," he said, adding that "to use that 'conservative readers' ruse is a sad commentary on the state of affairs in the Black community today."

Cunningham and other members of BWMT's Task Force found themselves embroiled in a similar controversy last month, when the D.C. Department of AIDS Activities demanded that BWMT tone down an ad for its "Hot, Horny and Healthy" safer sex workshop. The ad, which featured a shirtless man, ran without comment in the local gay press, but caused a stir when BWMT's local chapter placed the piece in a heterosexual Black magazine. (See *GCN*, Nov. 17.)

"It's a vicious circle of kinds," Cunningham remarked. "But hopefully, through people like Phil Wilson and Ruth Waters [Wilson's co-chair at BGLLF] being willing to take *Essence* to the mat, we'll get somewhere."

Cunningham also said he was pleased that BGLLF is continuing to negotiate with *Essence*, because he thinks the magazine has made "the lamest kinds of concessions" so far. It is especially irritating, said Cunningham, that *Essence* has offered to run the "Come out" ad in February, only a few weeks before the BGLLF, because potential conference goers will have almost no time to plan on attending.

"It's obvious that [*Essence*] hadn't thought it through," said Cunningham. "They just assumed that BGLLF would fold." He said he was "proud and pleased" that the organization was putting up a fight.

'Who's zooming whom?'

Cunningham added that he thinks "it's important to support BGLLF" because the organization is calling Black institutions to task for their own homophobia. In the case of *Essence*, he said, "It boggles my mind what kind of mentality is at work there." He pointed to two recent issues of the magazine that featured cover stories were about Whitney Houston and Luther Vandross, two pop music icons whose sexual orientations have been widely speculated on in Black lesbian and gay communities. "It makes you wonder if it's an insult to the intelligence of *Essence's* lesbian and gay leadership," Cunningham said. "Who's really zooming whom here?"

Wilson agreed with Cunningham that BGLLF has a lot of talking left to do with *Essence*, but added that he was optimistic about negotiations with the magazine. "I'm hopeful that we'll resolve this in a fashion that does some education — and creates an ally," said Wilson.

—filed from Boston

AMA

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evidence shows that health care providers pose a risk to their patients," Schwarz told *GCN*. He added that the AMA is opposed to changing guidelines for HIV positive health care practitioners, a move currently under consideration by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). "If [the CDC] requires doctor testing, we will advocate against" the new guidelines, said Schwartz.

However, he said, "There is a delicate balance between society's right to know and protecting individual rights." According to Schwarz, contract tracing falls into the category of society's right to know, "especially now, with AZT," he said.

Many AIDS activists, however, find this argument unconvincing. "How early intervention would affect the reasons not to have contact tracing is still vague in my mind," said Bray. He added, "We still have one AIDS drug, and treatment is inaccessible to a large number of people, particularly women."

In addition, said Jeff Levi of the AIDS Action Council, mandatory reporting and contact tracing are likely to drive people at high risk for AIDS away from testing. "There are studies showing that where there is not the possibility of anonymity, people are testing at a lower rate," he told *GCN*. "A lot of people are really worried about the unknowing partners down the road, but if you don't get the index case in the door, you aren't going to get anywhere."

Policies already in place?

While AIDS activists expressed frustration with the AMA proposals, some also said that the policies advocated by AMA members are already in place in many parts of the country. According to a study conducted last December by the AIDS policy center at George Washington University, about half of the states in the U.S. currently have some form of name reporting of people who test positive for HIV. At that time, nine states were recording the names of all people who test positive; 15 states were recording the names of people tested by clinics and doctors, but not those tested at anonymous testing sites; and an additional four states were recording names only in special circumstances, as in cases where blood donors were found to be HIV positive.

In addition, Levi noted that a study released earlier this month by the Journal of the American Medical Association found that 25 percent of hospitals were testing patients without their consent or knowledge.

Nevertheless, some believe that while some doctors may be quietly ordering routine HIV testing for their patients, the AMA general membership meeting is unlikely to ratify either of the non-consensual testing measures. Ludington said that the passage of either of those resolutions at the June meeting would put the AMA in an untenable position.

"It wouldn't be a very good political stand for the AMA to oppose testing of its own members while advocating patient testing," he said, adding, "And the AMA is, above all, a political animal."

—filed from Boston

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them holding a stake with an American flag wrapped around it. According to the three, a number of right-wing students suggested that violence against gay students would be an appropriate response to the incidents of the previous week.

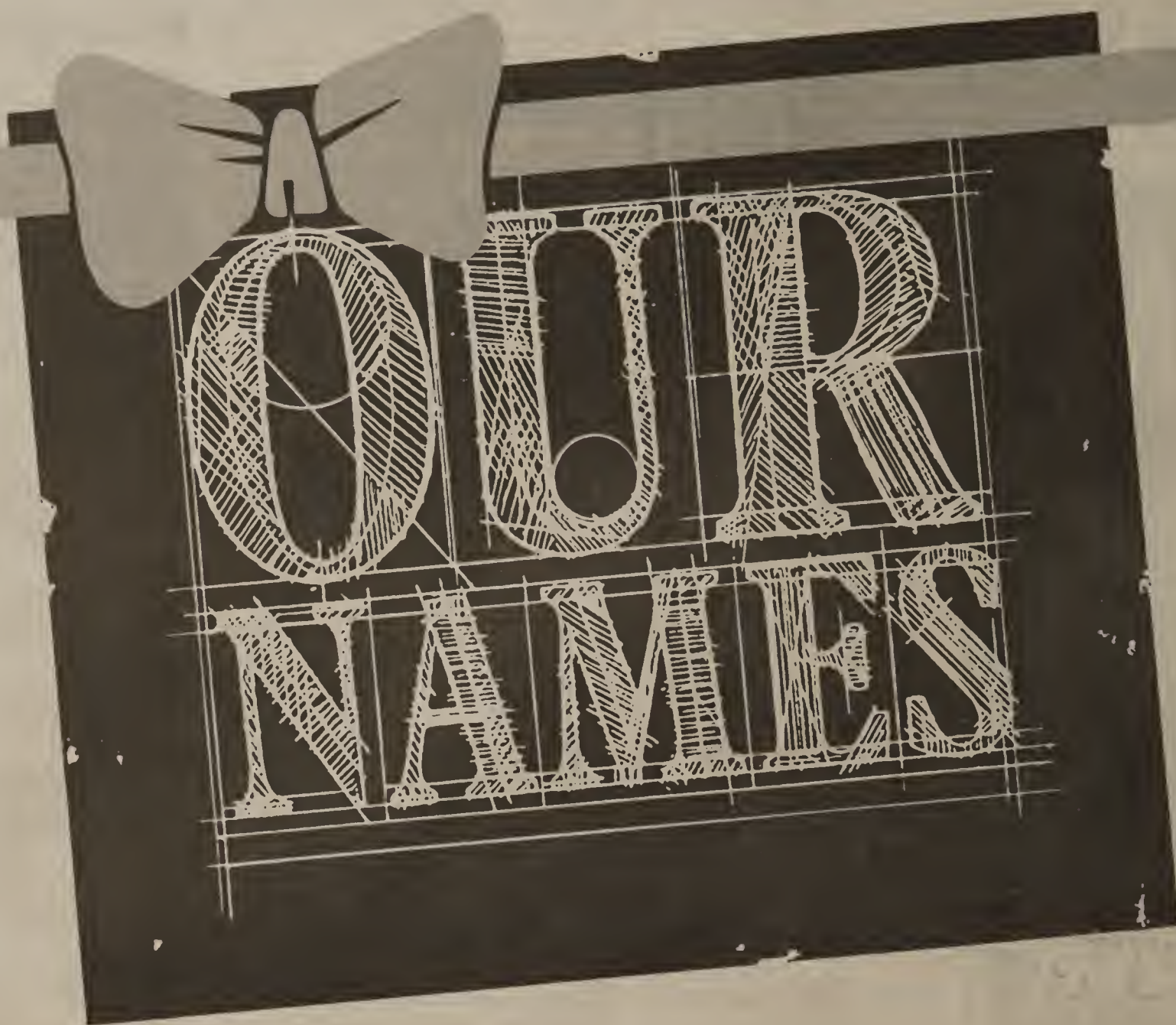
The three gay students then attempted to leave the meeting, and were blocked by a student carrying the stake, according to Silver. After an argument, the gay students were allowed to leave. "We absolutely ran to the elevator," said Silver. "Fortunately, the elevator door closed" before students who followed them were able to enter it.

That evening, McDonald said, he received eight threatening phone calls, including one in which the caller said, "I want to kill you, faggot." Said McDonald, "They're putting us through hell." Silver added that she and McDonald were afraid to walk on campus alone, and were not sleeping in their rooms. On Dec. 12, the LBGA office received a bomb threat. A search by campus police found nothing.

A campus police spokesperson said that police were attempting to trace any further calls.

According to University spokesperson Helen Wise, officials are hesitant to get involved. "It's a situation involving strong feelings on both sides," she told *GCN*. "Both sides in this controversy are getting

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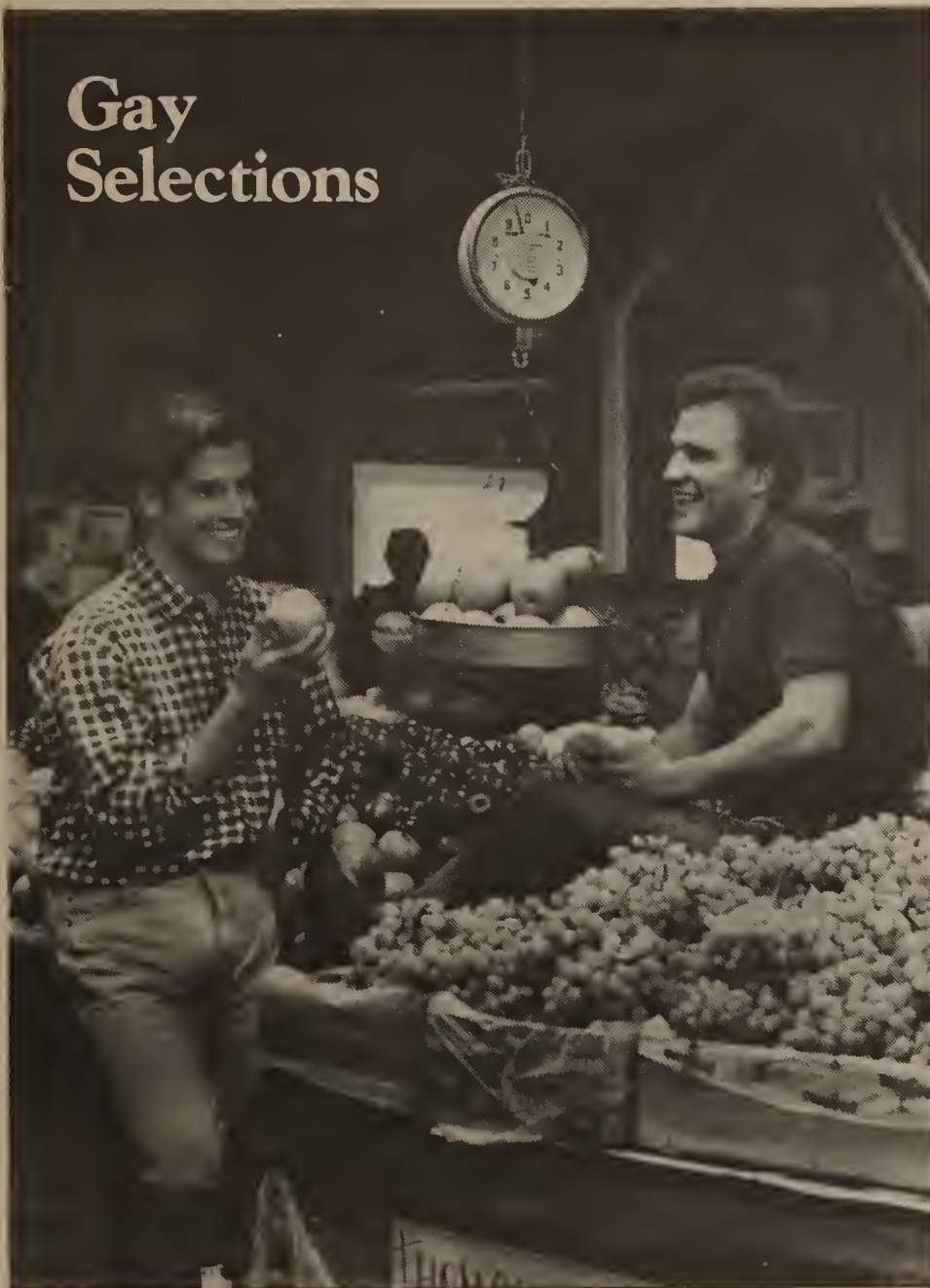
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threatening, anonymous calls."

Added Wise, "If there were an incident, it could be handled from a law-enforcement point of view or through the code of student conduct." However, she said, "There hasn't been anything that would constitute a violation of that code."

Said McDonald, "The university should have upheld its affirmative action policy and the laws of this state when the vote first happened." He added, "By their silence, they are encouraging gay bashing and homophobia."

Robert Weinerman of the Fenway Victim Recovery Program, which collects statistics on anti-gay violence and provides anti-violence trainings, says that the actions as part of an overall escalation of anti-gay incidents. He told *GCN* that he expects that the program will receive over 100 reports of homophobic violence in Massachusetts this year, in contrast to 84 incidents last year.

However, said Weinerman, some colleges are experiencing many more incidents than others. "Where a college administration does not come forward and say that gay people have a right to be here, there is a sense among students that it is acceptable to harass and intimidate lesbian and gay members of their community," he said. With the passage of the state gay rights law, Weinerman said, "Colleges in Massachusetts have a responsibility, like every other public accommodation in the state, to provide a safe environment for lesbians and gay men."

—filed from Boston

Texas

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AIDS funds that would have denied money to private agencies that advocated repeal of the law. (The attorney general eventually ruled that the plan was illegal.)

Since the current attorney general, Jim Mattox, will have left office by the time Davis's written ruling is issued, the decision about whether or not to appeal the ruling will be up to Attorney General-elect Dan Morales [no relation to Linda Morales]. Although Morales has declined to comment on the case, he is expected to support repeal.

However, another plaintiff in the case, Tom Doyal, points out that the new attorney general's support may be best expressed by a decision to appeal the ruling. A ruling by a higher court, he pointed out, would have more strength than that of a trial court alone. Doyal further speculates that the state Supreme Court, the highest court to which the appeal could be taken, would uphold the lower court's ruling.

Suzy Wages of the Texas Human Rights Foundation said she also hopes for an appeal. Wages added that she expects a long process of solidifying the gains made by the *Morales* case.

Twenty-five states and the District of Columbia currently have laws governing private, consensual sex between adults. In nine of those states, the laws apply only to same-sex couples, and in another, Georgia, only same-sex couples and unmarried heterosexuals are affected.

As in similar recent lawsuits in other states, Patrick Wiseman, the attorney for the *Morales* plaintiffs, based his arguments on the state constitution, rather than the U.S. Constitution, in order to avoid the conservative judges appointed by the Reagan and Bush administrations. (For instance, a 1982 ruling against the Texas law that was based on federal constitutional principles was reversed by a federal court three years later.)

Sodomy laws in two other states, Kentucky and Michigan, have been struck down this year in similar lawsuits that were also based on state constitutions.

Sue Hyde of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said the three successful court challenges mark a turning point in the effort for legal change. She told *GCN* that the *Morales* decision "is a great way to end 1990."

"For the part of the gay and lesbian movement that is working on the repeal of sodomy laws," said Hyde, "this is the best holiday present we could have." □

Prime time

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Washington

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thought misunderstood the policy change at the *Herald*. "[The reporter] said, 'That's a strong political statement you're making.' I said, 'Like hell it's political.' We're not on a crusade. We are a newspaper and we reflect what's going on in our community." Whether or not the feedback is positive, Strick said, "We're not going to turn back on that."

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22 yr old woman looking for serious companionship with someone special. I love dancing, swimming, writing. Kimberly Holloway, Broward Correctional Inst., P.O. Box 8540, #345, Pembroke Pines, FL 33024

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If you're a caring, gentle, masculine lesbian who want a sweet lovely lady to spoil and pamper, I'll be waiting for your to fill my box with loving romantic letters. I'm a sensual creature...Can you hear my heart crying out to be loved? Better still...will you care enough to respond? Rachel Hepp, #4040-214, KY Corr. Inst. for Women, PeWee Valley, KY 40056

correspond with. I am looking for a buddy and letters to help cope with this place. They call me Wendy. Will you? Write Paul Winborn, #106476, Camp J. Shark, 3-R-7, LA State Prison, Angola, LA 70712

Gay Black male, lonely, with heart of gold, light brown eyes, would like to meet anyone who wouldn't mind writing. I need someone to talk to. Johnny Brown, #23782, P.O. Box 1989, Ely, NV 89301

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CALENDAR

Boston ♦ "Once Upon Our Time": Multicultural Story Hour for Children (3-8) of Gay and Lesbian Parents and Friends. Third Saturday of every month, alternating between J.P. Library, 12 Sedgwick St., and New Words Bookstore, 186 Hampshire St., Inman Sq., Cambridge. This month (12/90) in J.P. 10 to 11:15 a.m. Space is limited. Sign up: Marian or Jenifer 267-0900.

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Boston ♦ Building and Sustaining Healthy Lesbian Relationships. Facil. by Shoshana Simons M.A. Max 12 participants. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. L/G Community Center, 338 Newbury. Low sliding fee. Info: 876-6519.

Boston ♦ AIDS Awareness Training. An intro to AIDS, AIDS-related issues, and the programs and structure of the AAC. Evening. AAC, 131 Clarendon. Info: Giulia Norton 437-6200 x*269.

Lincoln ♦ WOBBLES Holiday Party. (WOBBLES = West of Boston Lesbians.) 6 p.m. Info: Janis (508) 386-7737.

Boston ♦ Club Antorcha Christmas Dinner Dance. 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Project Place community room, 32 Rutland St. Tickets \$7.50 members, \$10 non-members. Tickets and info: Wilfredo / Orlando 262-9362 or Fernando 262-5882.

Boston ♦ Lesbian Fun and Games. Smoke and alcohol-free. 338 Newbury St. 7 to 10 p.m. the third Saturday of each month. \$2 donation.

South End ♦ Gay Community Caroling. No RSVP; just come and bring cookies or some other baked goods to share. Hot chocolate and cold drinks provided. 7 p.m. Gather at 173 Warren Ave. Info: Jim Voltz 267-8311.

Waltham ♦ WOW Video ("Rocky Horror Picture Show") and Game Night. 7:30 p.m. Location and info: 893-0361.

16 SUNDAY

Cambridge ♦ Holiday Party for Children of Lesbians and Gay Men. Games, activities, fun. Bring: potluck holiday snack; recycled or new toy to donate to charity. 2 to 4 p.m. Indigo, 823 Main St. Donation \$3. Info: Cindy 267-0900.

Providence ♦ Rhode Island G/L Jewish Group Chanukah party. 2:00 p.m. Info: Fred (508) 992-7927.

Boston ♦ Boston Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert. Jordan Hall at N.E. Conservatory. 3 p.m. Also 12/18. Tickets \$20, \$15, and \$9. Call 247-BGMC.

Boston ♦ Prime Timers Christmas Party. 5 to 10 p.m. The Claddagh restaurant, 113 Dartmouth. Dinner, dancing. \$12.50. Reservations and info: D. Bourbeau, 604 Tremont, Boston 02118-1605.

Natick ♦ MetroWest GALA Potluck / Social. 6 p.m. Location and info (which dishes to bring): Scott (508) 877-6129 or Barbara (508) 653-2509.

Beacon Hill ♦ 5th Anniversary Gay Community Caroling. No RSVP; just come and bring cookies or some other baked goods to share. Hot chocolate and cold drinks provided. 7 p.m. Gather at St. John the Evangelist Church, Bowdoin St., after Dignity coffee hour. Info: Jim Voltz 267-8311.

17 MONDAY

Boston ♦ Queer Nation / Boston. Community Church of Boston, Copley Square above Back Bay Bistro. 7:30 p.m., first and third Mondays of the month. Info: 577-8123.

18 TUESDAY

Framingham ♦ Framingham Gay and Lesbian Youth Group. People 22 and under, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month. Civic League Bldg., 214 Concord St. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Info: write P.O. Box 426, S. Framingham, MA 01701.

Boston ♦ Boston Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert. Jordan Hall at N.E. Conservatory. 8 p.m. Also 12/16. Tickets \$20, \$15, and \$9. Call 247-BGMC.

Boston ♦ Gay Fathers of Greater Boston meet 1st and 3rd Tues. of the month. Lindemann Center, 2nd fl. 8-10 p.m. 742-7897.

Boston ♦ Gay Fathers of Greater Boston. Lighten up, stress management workshop. Lindemann Center. 25 Staniford St. 8pm-10pm.

19 WEDNESDAY

Boston ♦ New England G/L/B Veterans Christmas Party. Also election of officers. 6 to 8 p.m. L/G Community Center, 338 Newbury St. Info: Rick 436-0760 or Cliff 723-8127.

Boston ♦ Orientation to AAC Supports and Services. Learn about AAC services for PWAs, HIV+ people, and their caretakers. Sign up: 437-6200 *328. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. AAC Room S03, 131 Clarendon. See also 12/19.

Boston ♦ L/G Holiday Party to Benefit the Center. 7 to 10 p.m. Club Cafe. \$15. Info: 247-2927.

Boston ♦ NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force. NOW office, 971 Comm. Ave. 7 p.m. Info: 782-1056.

Worcester ♦ Supporters of Worcester Area Gay and Lesbian Youth. Open to gay and bisexual youth 21 and under. Meets first and third Wednesday each month at United Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd. 7 p.m. Info: (508) 755-0005.

Boston Radio ♦ Say It, Sister! "SEXpertise." With On Our Backs editor Susie Bright. 8 to 9 p.m. WMBR 88.1FM.

20 THURSDAY

Boston ♦ Clinical Update: AZT, ddI, And Other Combination Therapies. Presented by Clinical Partners. 3:30 to 5:00. 4th floor AAC, 131 Clarendon. Info: Louise Rice 437-6200 x*264.

Brewster ♦ Cape Cod and Islands Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Issues and Concerns. Monthly meeting, third Thursday of each month. 6:30 p.m. Dawes Hall, 1946 Main St. (Rt. 6A). Info: (508) 362-2799.

Boston ♦ BRIDGES. A multicultural ceremony of remembrance and renewal for all people whose lives have been touched by AIDS. Villa Victoria, corner of Shawmut and West Newton. 7 p.m. Spons. by AAC. Info: 437-6200.

Northampton ♦ Valley Gay Alliance meets first and third Thursday every month. Basement of the Unitarian Church, 22 Main St. 7:30 p.m. (413) 527-5310.

21 FRIDAY

South Dartmouth ♦ Rhode Island & S.E. Mass Gay and Lesbian Jewish Group Monthly Oneg. A social and potluck held the third Friday of each month. Info: Debra (401) 273-4765 or Fred (508) 992-7927.

Boston ♦ Friday Night at the Movies: "A Star Is Born." The original, uncut version with Judy Garland. 8:05 p.m. sharp. The Center, 338 Newbury St., room 203. \$2 donation suggested; bring soda and chips. Info: 247-2927.

Boston ♦ A Winter Solstice Celebration. For the whole family. Dorothy Elizabeth Tucker will tell the story of Kwanza. Laura Ross, the story of Hanukkah and Carol Adams will tell the story of Christmas.. You are invited to share your talents with a story, poem, etc.Refreshments. The Community Church Center. 565 Boylston St. 7:30pm. For more info 266-6710

25 TUESDAY

Boston ♦ Am Tikva Christmas Day Social Action Outreach Project for Homeless Families and Individuals. Info: 926-2536.

Boston ♦ Buddy Program Orientation, AIDS ACTION Committee. Volunteers needed to provide emotional and practical support to AAC clients on a one-to-one basis. Interested persons should fill out an application and attend orientation and training. Orientation meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. AIDS ACTION offices, 131 Clarendon St. 7:30 p.m. Info 437-6200 x450.

26 WEDNESDAY

Boston ♦ Coming Out Support Group. At the Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 338 Newbury St. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month. 8 p.m. Info: 247-2927.

28 FRIDAY

Boston ♦ Game Night. Board and parlor games every other Friday. 8 p.m. The Center, 338 Newbury St. Info: 247-2927.

Boston ♦ Friday Night at the Movies: "Wizard of Oz." 8:05 p.m. sharp. The Center, 338 Newbury St., room 203. \$2 donation suggested; bring soda and chips. Info: 247-2927.

SUNDAYS

Boston ♦ The Gay Dating Show, WUNR 1600AM. 10:30pm-2:30am. Lesbians and gay men.

Boston ♦ BAGLY Drop-In Center. (BAGLY =

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Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth.) St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Bowdoin. Info: (800) 42BAGLY.

Boston ♦ Boston Strikers Soccer Club. Weekly novice and club scrimmages. All levels. 3 p.m. Info: Erik 423-0929 or Jeff 876-7612.

Boston ♦ Dignity Mass. Liturgy is followed by a social hour. St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Bowdoin St. 5:30 p.m. Info: 536-6518.

Boston ♦ Western Orthodox Church Mass. Arlington St. Church, 351 Boylston St. Info: 227-5794.

Boston ♦ ALATEEN Group open to lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth, 22 and under. 338 Newbury Street, rm. 202k. 6pm-7:30 p.m. Info: Dave 629-2518 or Frank 666-8912.

Boston ♦ Boston Healing Circle. Metropolitan Health Club aerobics room, 209 Columbus Ave. 7:30 p.m. Info: 731-9584.

Boston ♦ Metropolitan Community Church Worship/Fellowship. 131 Cambridge St. (near Gov't Ctr.). 7 p.m. Info: Rev. Tanis 437-0420.

Boston ♦ Gay Narcotics Anonymous. The Center, 338 Newbury St. 8 p.m. Info: 247-2927.

MONDAYS

Boston ♦ Positive Directions. Peer-led support group for HIV+ people. Boston Living Center, 140 Clarendon. 12:25 p.m. Info: 262-3456.

Boston ♦ Monday Night Dinners for PWA's and Friends. About 100 people with AIDS and their friends meet every Monday at AIDS ACTION for dinner. No reservations required. 6 p.m. AIDS ACTION, 131 Clarendon St. Info: 437-6200.

Dorchester ♦ Alcoholics Anonymous. First Parish Church, Meeting House Hill. Beginners 6:30, hardhats 8 p.m.

Boston ♦ Boston Bisexual Women's Network Coordinating Committee. The Center, 338 Newbury St. Info: 247-2927.

Worcester ♦ AIDS Project Worcester. A support group for family, friends, concerned others dealing with HIV. 305 Shrewsbury St. 7-8:30 p.m. Info: (508)755-3773.

Boston ♦ Northern Lights Alternatives Monday Night Rap Group. Talk to others living with HIV. 38 Appleton St. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: Ann O'Rourke 694-0964.

Cambridge ♦ Lesbian Rap Group. The Women's Center. 46 Pleasant St. 8-10 p.m. Info: 354-8807.

TUESDAYS

Providence, RI ♦ ACT UP/Rhode Island. Call for meeting place (401) 461-4191.

Boston ♦ ACT UP/Boston. The Living Center, YWCA, 140 Clarendon St. 7 p.m. Info: 49-ACT UP.

Cambridge ♦ 30+ Lesbian Rap. The Women's Center. 46 Pleasant St. 7-8:30. Info: 354-8807.

Cambridge ♦ Bisexual Women's Rap. The Women's Center. 46 Pleasant St. 7-8:30. Info: 354-8807.

Medford Radio ♦ "We the People" — with feminist Sheila Parks. WMFO 91.5FM. 7-9 a.m. Tufts University radio.

Worcester ♦ Support Group for HIV+ Gay/Bisexual Men and Their Significant Others. Closed meeting. AIDS Project Worcester. 305 Shrewsbury St. 7-8:30 p.m. Info: (508) 755-3773.

Boston ♦ Lesbian and Gay Freedom Trail Band Rehearsals. No audition necessary. Mass College of Art, Longwood and Brookline Ave. 7:15 p.m. Info: 266-0628.

Cambridge TV ♦ PrideTime — Boston gay and lesbian television, with Jim Voltz. Cambridge Cable Channel 19. 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Boston ♦ Informal Meeting with Mayor Flynn's Liason to the Gay Community. Ann Sanders will be available 2 to 6 p.m. each Wednesday. No appointment necessary, but Ms. Sanders can be reached at 725-3485.

Boston ♦ Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian

Youth (BAGLY). Open to youth age 22 and under. 35 Bowdoin St. New persons' meeting 6 p.m.; women and men meet separately 6:45 to 7:30; general meeting 7:30 p.m. 523-7363 or 1-800-42BAGLY.

Cambridge ♦ Lesbian Al-Anon with child care, wheelchair accessible. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Info: 354-8807.

Springfield ♦ Names Project Meeting. New chapter with weekly quilting meetings. All welcome. Frontier. 19 Pearl St. 7 to 10 p.m. Info: (413)788-7459.

Boston ♦ Bisexual Adult Children of Alcoholics. Mass. General Hospital. 7:30 p.m. Info: Marge 259-1559.

Boston ♦ Positive Directions. Peer-led support group for HIV+ people. Boston Living Center, 140 Clarendon. 7:30 p.m. Info: 262-3456.

Worcester ♦ Support Group for HIV+ who are In Substance Abuse Recovery. Closed meeting. AIDS Project Worcester. 305 Shrewsbury St. 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: (508) 755-3773.

THURSDAYS

Boston ♦ Boston Area Rape Crisis Center drop-in group for women who have been raped. 492-RAPE.

Boston ♦ Names Project Quilting Bee — for the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Sewing supplies and support provided. Arlington Street Church (use Boylston Street entrance). 6 to 9 p.m. Info 451-9003.

Boston ♦ The Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. Meets every Thursday. The Center, rm 202K. 338 Newbury St. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 828-3039.

Portsmouth, NH ♦ Out and About. A lesbian social and support group. Info: Keryn (603) 749-5852.

Provincetown ♦ Positive PWA Coalition Weekly Rap Session. 7:30. 155 Bradford St. Peer led. Info: (508) 487-3998.

Boston ♦ Positive Directions. Peer-led support group for HIV+ people. Boston Living Center, 140 Clarendon. 7:30 p.m. Info: 262-3456.

Boston ♦ ACA for Lesbians, Gay Men, and Bisexuals. (ACA = Adult Children of Alcoholics.) Support group for all adult children of dysfunctional family systems. Lindemann Center, 2nd floor, Winthrop Room. Wheelchair access. 8 p.m. Info: 536-2856.

Boston ♦ The Group. Discussion and social hour. The Center, 338 Newbury St. Info: 266-1129.

Cambridge ♦ GAMIT Study Break. (GAMIT = Gays at MIT.) GAMIT lounge, room S0-306, 142 Memorial Dr.

FRIDAYS

Watertown ♦ GLOW: Gays and Lesbians of Watertown. Info 395-4664.

Boston ♦ GCN Friday Night Stuffing Party. Come stuff the paper, eat pizza, and make new friends. GCN, 62 Berkeley St. 5 p.m. Info: 426-4469.

Boston ♦ Friday Night At The Movies. The Boston Living Center. 140 Clarendon St. Free. 7 p.m. Info: 236-1012.

Boston ♦ Body Electric. Healing w/sensual massage for gay and bisexual men. \$12. Info: 522-9164.

Boston ♦ Positive Directions. Peer-led support group for HIV+ people. Boston Living Center, 140 Clarendon. 7:30 p.m. Info: 262-3456.

SATURDAYS

Boston ♦ Frontrunners. Meet at Metropolitan Health Club for 2 to 5-mi. run along Charles. Lockers and showers complimentary. 10 a.m. Also: Tues. 12:15 p.m. at MHC; Wed. 6:45 p.m. at Hatch Shell. Info: 282-0013.

Cambridge ♦ Single Mothers' Support Group. Free drop-in group with child care, alternate Saturdays. Women's Center. 46 Pleasant St. 11am-12:30 p.m. Info: 354-8807.

Boston ♦ Pink Flamingos. For TV/TS of New England. 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. 338 Newbury St., 2nd flr. Info: 247-2927.

Boston TV ♦ PrideTime — Boston gay and lesbian television, with Jim Voltz. Boston Neighborhood Network, channels A3 and A8. 7:30 p.m.

Cutting up

Edward Scissorhands is a hairdresser/florist. Need we say more?

Edward Scissorhands.

Directed by Tim Burton. Screenplay by Caroline Thompson. With Johnny Depp, Winona Ryder, Dian Wiest, Vincent Price, Alan Arkin, Anthony Michael Hall. Open nationally.

Reviewed by Michael Bronski

It would be near impossible for a gay and lesbian audience not to view Tim Burton's new, suburban-gothic Christmas fantasy *Edward Scissorhands* as queerly allegorical. Although there is a great deal of pleasure to be derived from such an interpretation—and even more from the film, which is wonderful—there is also some room for regret.

On the surface *Edward Scissorhands* is a witty pastiche of traditional horror movie themes that reminds us of a whole range of great films: James Whale's *Frankenstein*, Jean Cocteau's *Beauty and the Beast*, Franju's *Eyes Without a Face*, Wes Craven's *Nightmare on Elm Street*, and Jacques Tourneur's original *Cat People* from 1946. Director Burton skillfully mixes aspects of these films with the emotional naïveté and post-modern chic of contemporary teen-films. This gives us something that resembles a gothicized *Sixteen Candles* or a monstrous *Pretty in Pink*. And although *Edward Scissorhands* draws upon a whole range of film images and lore with wit and intelligence, it looks and feels original and new; startling, yet at the same time comforting.

In all of Tim Burton's films—*Pee-Wee's Big Adventure*, *Beetlejuice*, *Batman*—the director has been fascinated by the dichotomy between the ordinary and the fantastic. Pee-Wee's house was filled with the '50s kitsch that took on a magical life of its own; the sweet ghosts in *Beetlejuice* were actually terrified by the awful yuppies who invaded their haunted house; and *Batman's* Gotham was a vision of distressed 1930s Manhattan where morbid, evil-looking cathedrals (lifted from Fritz Lang's great *Metropolis*) lurked next to progressive, futuristic skyscrapers.

Edward Scissorhands is predicated on the same impulse. Diane Weist plays the Avon Lady in a small, pastel-colored tacky town so post-Spielbergian that the joke almost becomes belabored. After a day of no sales, she decides to drive and ding-dong at



Dianne Wiest as the kindly Avon Lady Peg Boggs in *Edward Scissorhands*

the forbidding, gloomy, *echt* deserted castle at the far side of town. It is here that she finds a frightened Edward (Johnny Depp). Lonely and terrified, he is the creation of Vincent Price, a not-so-mad-as-fanciful scientist who died before he could fashion real hands for his beloved invented child. Edward is equipped with multiple scissors in place of the usual digits, a fact that makes him as terrified as terrifying.

Soft-spoken and timid Edward, who is clothed in black leather, chains, rings and zippers, moves in with Wiest and her family. Pragmatic dad (Alan Arkin) tells him to think about jobs and the future. Bright, enterprising pre-teen son Kevin (Robert Oliver) wants to bring him to show-and-tell, while the social butterfly daughter Kim, played by Winona Ryder, fears the freakish Edward will hurt her popularity. But soon Edward—as gentle as Boris Karloff's monster in *Frankenstein* but as potentially lethal as Freddie Krueger—becomes very popular when the neighbors find out that he is able to create ingenious, beautiful topiaries in the gardens, great hairdos for women, and superb

grooming on pet dogs. He even comes in handy grilling shish-kabobs at a barbeque. Edward understands that his entrée into social acceptability is through his talent, and he wants to be accepted and loved.

But as might be expected, Edward's status as outsider is too strong to overcome facile social acceptance and his growing affection for Ryder's character—more spiritual than sexual—causes major problems. It is here that director Burton's vision of the pain of being different is so acute. The fact that Edward is sensitive, non-macho and vulnerable (as well as being a florist and hairdresser) only reinforces the gay subtext. But that would be an easy mark—James Whale, who was gay, was able to elicit great sympathy for Karloff's oddly fey monster in *Frankenstein* as was Tourneur for Simone Simone's frightened, feline and possible-lesbian Irena in *Cat People*—and Burton attempts and achieves something deeper.

Edward's differentness—his potentially lethal mechanical digits—causes more pain and fear for him than for anyone else. He is always accidentally cutting and scarring his

own face and in a terrifyingly touching scene he attempts to embrace Kim when he realizes that he is too afraid of hurting her to make human contact. Unlike Freddie Krueger (who is the external embodiment of guilt and fear as a punishing demon), Edward has only himself to fear; and his freakishness, his specialness, is also what makes him acceptable. If films like *Nightmare on Elm Street* have as their message the probability of sexual punishment, *Edward Scissorhands* is concerned with illuminating not only the innate limitations and problems of sexual expression but also how social prejudice restricts sexuality.

By positing a world of brooding gothic innocence against that of pop-suburban conformity, Burton switches cultural expectations. The monsters here are high-school football heroes and status-conscious heterosexual couples, not pretty, forlorn monster-boys with razor-sharp appendages. Part of the film's success is that Burton is able to successfully present his story as a fractured, cutting-edge fairy tale—and it is grim as a Grimm—without ever stretching our belief to the breaking point. *Edward Scissorhands* is as lyrical as it is scary, never losing its innocent demeanor to its hip sensibility.

Watching *Edward Scissorhands*, however, is not without some problems. There is a plot twist concerning a false charge of sexual harassment that feels ugly and unnecessary, and several of the characterizations of women—especially the performance by Kathy Baker—are mean-spirited. But beyond that, at least for lesbian and gay viewers, the film may conjure a lingering dismay along with its pleasures. Although it is wonderful to find a film that can be seen as a gay allegory in 1990, it also seems a shame that it has to be an allegory. Tim Burton can't be unaware of this subtext—certainly it was what fueled *Pee Wee's Big Adventure*, as well as some of the ghostly antics of *Beetlejuice*. And while it is true that an openly gay film about a weirdly digitated gay boy attempting to fit into society would never make it past the first story conference, it doesn't stop us from wanting something more open and honest. But even with these problems *Edward Scissorhands* is oddly affecting and moving, an intelligent treat that gives us pleasure as it jangles our nerves. □

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